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Left: Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry yells to the crowd after his acceptance speech Thursday at the Democratic National Convention at the FleetCenter in Boston. Above: Kerry and Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards arrive for a rally at Boston Harbor on Friday. The candidates are heading out on a cross-country campaign trip, visiting states by bus, boat and train.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## World

**Sept. 11 suspect:** Germany has sent U.S. authorities a detailed query asking for as much testimony as possible from key suspects in the upcoming retrial of a Sept. 11 suspect in Hamburg.

Mourir el Motasadd, 30, was convicted in February 2003 of providing logistical help to the Hamburg al-Qaida cell and sentenced to 15 years in prison on more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and membership in a terrorist organization.

He won a retrial in March, however, after appeals judges ruled he was unfairly denied testimony from Ramzi Binalshibh, a Yemeni in U.S. custody who is believed to have been the Hamburg cell's key contact with al-Qaida. Judges freed him from prison at the same time, saying there was no longer enough evidence to hold him pending his retrial, scheduled to start August 10.

**Israeli nuclear whistleblower:** Israeli police have begun a criminal investigation against nuclear whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu over interviews he gave to foreign media in an apparent breach of a court order, Israeli officials said Thursday.

The Justice Ministry said in a statement that Israel's security services believe that during the interviews with the British Broadcasting Corp. and the London Sunday Times, given shortly after his release from prison in April, Vanunu made references to secret material he was forbidden to discuss.

The statement gave no further details about Vanunu's alleged violations. As a condition of his release, Vanunu was barred from speaking to foreign journalists.

**Pinocet's son detained:** The older son of former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet was detained Thursday as part of an investigation of a group accused of forging invoices for the sale of vehicles, police said.

Pinocet's son, also named Augusto, was transferred to Curico, 116 miles south of Santiago, where the court handling the case extended his detention until Saturday to allow the prosecution to file charges. A new legal hearing will take place that day.

Augusto Pinochet Hiriart's lawyer, Aldo Luque, said the court agreed to allow his client to remain detained at the prison's infirmary instead of being taken to a regular cell.

## Nation

**D.C.-area sniper attacks:** A court hearing for sniper mastermind John Allen Muham- mad was delayed briefly Thursday after Mu-



KEITH BRISMA/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Preflight preview:** U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Higuera, right, of the VFA-102 Diamondbacks, based out of Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan, goes through a preflight inspection of an F-18 Super Hornet with U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. William Rew, Commander 35th Fighter Wing, Misawa Air Base, Japan, at Misawa on Friday.

hammad wriggled out of a chain strapped around his waist.

Muhammad was placed back into full restraints without incident, but for a few minutes he was in the courtroom with a lengthy chain gathered in his hands that authorities said was a potential weapon.

Lt. Tony Shobe, a spokesman for the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, said deputies did not notice the missing chain when they brought Muhammad from a holding cell back to the courtroom after a 15-minute recess. Within a minute or two of court resuming, deputies noticed the chain and alerted the judge, who stopped the proceedings.

**Calif. grocery strike:** Ralphs Grocery Co. has acknowledged in a letter to its employees that some store managers allowed locked-out grocery clerks to work during the 14-day Southern California grocery strike in violation of the company's own policies.

In the letter, John Burgon, president of Ralphs Supermarkets, said the company is cooperating with a federal investigation into the charges.

Burgon wrote that disciplinary action will be taken against store managers and other officials found to have violated the company's policies. Discipline could range from a one-week suspension to firing, he wrote.

Union leaders ordered the strike against Safeway's Vons and Pavilions chains on Oct. 11. Albertsons and Ralphs, a unit of Kroger, then locked out their employees. In all,

about 59,000 workers were idled at 859 stores.

**NYC Sept. 11 aid:** The Bush administration has agreed to pay New York \$2 billion in extra transportation money in exchange for unused tax credits that were part of a \$20 billion Sept. 11 aid package, a plan that must now go to Congress for approval.

The cash-for-credit swap has been discussed for months among the White House, state and city officials, and members of Congress.

Gov. George Pataki received a call from the White House on Thursday, informing him that President Bush has approved the request from the city and state to redirect up to \$2 billion in Liberty Zone tax benefits toward transportation projects.

**Ban on sex toys:** A group of adult-product merchants and customers trying to overturn Alabama's ban on the sale of sex toys will challenge an appeals court ruling that upheld the 6-year-old law, their lawyer said Thursday.

Plaintiffs will likely ask the full 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse the case since a divided three-judge panel issued the decision, said attorney Mike Fees, representing store owner Sherri Williams and nine other people who sued to overturn the law. Depending on what the full court decides, the Supreme Court could be asked to review the case, he said.

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# Iraq puts AF medics' training to the test

## Misawa team tuned out fears in race to patch up war's wounded

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

**B**MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan  
efore he deployed to Iraq in March, Lt. Col. Mark Coakwell's most exciting combat experience was watching fighters take off with bombs for war.

"The big excitement was they came back without bombs," said Misawa's chief of aerospace medicine.

That all changed this spring, when Coakwell and Maj. Li-chang Chang, a general surgeon at Misawa, deployed to Baghdad for three months on an Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation.

The doctors were thrust into the heart of battle, where the wounded showed up at their tent by the hundreds and writing death certificates for young soldiers was part of the job.

They sewed up bullet holes and amputated legs — images of war that won't go away soon.

"This was the real deal," Coakwell said.

Coakwell, Chang and Maj. Richard Terracciano, executive nurse of surgical services at Misawa, recently shared their experiences of pulling medical duty for the 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron at Camp Sather in Baghdad International Airport.

Terracciano was deployed there from July 8 to Nov. 15, 2003, when the Air Force's AEF rotations were 120 days.

All three operated and slept in flak vests, routinely "hit the deck" for cover, stabilized patients with limited supplies and equipment and kept their cool under fire.

The wounded ranged from U.S. soldiers injured in roadside blasts to an Iraqi father and two boys hurt throwing grenades at a U.S. helicopter. The Misawa team also treated Iraqi detainees from a nearby prison, coalition troops and foreign diplomats.

Air Force medical personnel typically "tend to be back out of

the major action" on deployment, said Coakwell, speaking from his own experience — seeing patients with colds or stomach viruses, not blast wounds.

"You just see the routine day-to-day stuff, you don't see the battle injuries, so this was a very unique experience for me from a medical standpoint," Coakwell said.

It was Chang's first deployment. "To operate and hear a 'boom' go off next to you and wonder 'Do I hit the deck or do I keep operating?' That's new to me," she said.

### Fix 'em up ...

Expeditionary medical support — commonly referred to as EMEDES — lets Air Force medical personnel get close to the battle. The concept for the service's lightweight field hospital evolved after Operation Desert Storm, when the Air Force saw a need to get its medical folks to the fight faster.

The Misawa team was part of a smaller EMEDES unit designed "to travel with the attacking front," Chang said. Its entire operating room packs up into one pallet and five backpacks, to be carried by a five-member surgical team, she said.

About 30 active-duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel made up the Camp Sather EMEDES. The unit's roster included nurses and flight surgeons, an emergency room physician and specialists including a clinical psychologist, orthopedist and anesthesiologist.

The group was responsible for the medical care of the almost 2,000 Air Force personnel based at the camp.

Coakwell also oversaw preventative-medicine programs for more than 25,000 people at the surrounding Army camps near the airport, he said, entailing everything from food safety to pest prevention.



Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Maj. Li-chang Chang, center, a general surgeon at Misawa Air Base, operates on a patient at Camp Sather at Baghdad International Airport, where she was deployed this spring for three months.**

Patients with minor afflictions regularly shuffled into the EMEDES' tents. Some just had the sniffles, others were dehydrated or overheated; more than a few had cuts, bruises, sprains and various infections.

But the EMEDES doctors and nurses always had to be ready for the battle wounded, who often arrived without notice and in multiple.

"We had pilots who were flying on their way to some place else and got scared," Chang said. "We were close by. They landed without calling us. They land on our airstrip and say, 'Help, I have an injured.'"

"Or three or four," Coakwell said.

The Camp Sather EMEDES was designed to receive one to two critically ill patients who could be treated right away. When more arrived, it required quick thinking — triaging patients — and improvisation: The Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent was converted into a patient ward.

"We worked whenever it was necessary," Chang said. "There was a period of about 10 days where we were just working as long as you could be awake."

In e-mails from Baghdad that Chang wrote to co-workers at Misawa, she described those busy times. "Around midnight, someone came in with a partial left arm amputation and blast injury to the left chest. We were in the operating room all night again. We did a shoulder amputation ... We went through 10 units of blood and got him on a plane within one hour of surgery stop time. That's 3 nights in 4 that we were operating 8-12 hours."

The most common injuries were to extremities — arms, legs,



Coakwell



Chang



Terracciano

feet and neck — areas not protected by body armor, Coakwell said.

Terracciano was at Camp Sather in charge of the nurses and medical technicians, told of one soldier who lost a foot when someone lobbed a grenade into his Humvee. "He fumbled trying to throw it out the door. It felt at his feet."

The goal in treating the seriously injured was to stabilize them so they could withstand medical air evacuation or ground transport to a safer and larger hospital, the Misawa team said. The EMEDES unit didn't have the room or the equipment to administer more extensive care. Sometimes, soldiers — lucky in the sense, at least, that they were spared more crippling wounds — returned to the field. "Fix 'em up and send them back," Chang said.

### Adrenaline rush

While caring for patients, the EMEDES doctors and nurses had to watch out for their own safety. Flak vests were required gear, except for in the shower and while sleeping. The camp was hit multiple times by rocket-propelled grenades.

"We felt vulnerable," Coakwell said. "It's you and canvas ... be-

tween the potential rocket or mortar."

In one of her e-mails, Chang wrote: "Wow, what an exciting few days. First, on Sunday morning, we were attacked by rockets. Fifteen rounds hit the airport. One landed near the EMEDES tent, but luckily did not detonate. We all evacuated in a hurry. We spent a better part of 5 hours in the bunkers."

Nobody in their camp was injured from any of the attacks, Coakwell said.

Receiving badly injured patients at a moment's notice while mortars rained overhead was reminiscent of mass-casualty exercises the 35th Medical Group conducts at Misawa, Coakwell, Chang and Terracciano said.

While they felt the drills prepared them for the real thing, the two can't be compared, they added.

"Exercises are great on paper. Everybody laughs and jokes, and we're out here smoking a cigarette," said Terracciano, who oversaw the nurses and medical technicians at Camp Sather. "But until you're actually doing it, then it hits home that, yeah, you better be paying attention, and you got to suck it up — this is the real world."

**SEE MEDICS, ON PAGE 4**

### Corrections

■ A headline on Saturday's front page for a story about a sailor's court-martial on sodomy charges incorrectly said the offense took place aboard ship. It occurred in a hotel room in Australia.

■ In Saturday's equine edition, the wrong base was given for the 2nd Space Operations Squadron. The unit is based at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo.

# Yokota 374th commander makes community priority

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Col. Mark Schissler believes a healthy relationship starts on the ground level.

That's why he's making local community engagement a top priority at Yokota Air Base. Through participation in various off-base festivals and events, paired with periodic meetings with area officials aimed at addressing local concerns, the 374th Airlift Wing commander hopes to foster friendships that ultimately will fortify the international U.S.-Japanese alliance.

"We're well-engaged with Japan and other countries nationally," Schissler said. "At the local level, I think my part is to do local engagement. If I have strong ties with the local governments, that translates well on the national level."

"Engagement equals community relations. It's in America's interest to be engaged. That's why I'd say it's important."

And Yokota officials conduct quarterly meetings with the vice mayors of all seven surrounding towns and cities, he added.

The sessions always are held at Yokota, but Schissler hopes they can be staged off base at some point in the future.

"We're hoping to keep open the communication at that level," Schissler said. "It's a great venue to share concerns."

"Noise is always an issue, so we listen to any concerns the towns may have and try to accommodate everyone by adjusting some of our flight operations. That's how we get along well. It's a very valuable forum."

Another key aspect of Schissler's approach is involving Yokota residents in city and town festivals outside the gates.

Over the past week, Yokota servicemembers took part in summer festivals at a Japan Air Self-Defense Force base, the Yokota Home retirement facility and on the streets of Hamura. On Saturday and Sunday, they were slated to help tote shrines in a parade as part of the Fussa Summer Festival. And 50 people from Yokota will carry portable shrines Aug. 6 at the Fussa Tanabata Festival on the train station's west side.

"Festival participation is big for us," Schissler said. "There are a variety of things we do to be present in these towns. They all build good will."

The base's Tanabata dancers and first-year Samurai Taiko drum team also have been active this summer, and they've become effective ambassadors in Yokota's effort to build bridges, he said.

At each off-base event, Schissler delivers speeches in Japanese — a gesture that's not taken lightly by local officials, according to a Fussa City spokesman.

"The mayor (Hisato Nozawa) has said that he highly values the commander actively going off base, interacting with neighboring cities and giving speeches in Japanese," the spokesman said.

Fussa officials also consider Schissler's visits a crucial part of maintaining good relations, the spokesman added, and that facilitates cooperation in times of crisis.

"It creates opportunities to exchange opinions frankly," the spokesman said.

Yokota officials will assume the role of host during a pair of major events this month: the annual Japanese/American Friendship Festival on Aug. 21-22 and a joint concert Aug. 28 by the Pacific Air Forces and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force bands.

Activities on and off the installation typically require significant efforts by volunteers. Yokota officials don't normally have to look very far, said Capt. David Westover, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman.

"We offer opportunities, and people come," he said.

Schissler praised the work of Masao Abe for Yokota's success in local community engagement. Abe, the chief of community relations for the 374th Airlift Wing, was named the Air Force's Outstanding Public Affairs Host Nation Employee of the Year in 1999 and 2003.

"Our mission is only successful when we're fully connected to the community," Schissler said. "I shouldn't and won't ignore that part. I should represent our base in any way I can. Mutual support is a wonderful thing."

"We want to be cordial partners. That starts with having a viable, daily friendship with the people around us. There's no challenge or problem we can't get over if we're on friendly terms."

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## Medics: EMEDS unit fueled by adrenaline

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Chang said the biggest difference is the adrenaline rush. "In exercises, it's very hard to muster a true adrenaline rush. When the real thing is going on, you feel good about what you're doing, and you become more alert, and you're faster at what you do."

**"In exercises, it's very hard to muster a true adrenaline rush."**

**Maj. Li-Ching Chang**  
General surgeon, Misawa Air Base, Japan

"The good thing with the exercise," she added, "is you've seen it. Your procedure of how you go about doing this is second nature."

prison. "They bring them in and they're lifeless," he said. "You just put them to the back, and you bring in the next group of folks that you try to save."

Coakwell will never forget the Baghdad morgue and writing out death certificates.

"I had done that in an exercise setting but it was all pretend," he said.

Chang said what stood out for her was the bravery and spirit of those on whom she

operated, of men who looked like kids "that I thought should be home playing football," she said.

"They got shot down and they're ready to go back out and to do it again. That's bravery to me."

Chang's and Coakwell's EMEDS unit treated more than 1,000 patients, they said, and lost none.

Would they do it again?

"Two weeks, I'm ready to go back," Terracciano said. "You're doing the job you trained to do."

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### Ready to return

Chang, Coakwell and Terracciano said they left Baghdad with vivid memories, lingering questions and a desire to go back.

One of Terracciano's fonder memories is learning how to drive an Army Abrams tank, a form of wartime recreation that helped him decompress from the intense working environment.

He gets choked up when talking about the U.S. military police killed when some Iraqis lobbed rockets into Abu Ghraib

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# Davey Jones' Locker has positive meaning at Misawa

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL AIR FACILITY MISAWA, Japan — In pirate speak, Davey Jones' Locker is a fictional place at the bottom of the ocean, a watery grave for those who die at sea.

At Misawa, the Navy's Davey Jones' Locker is a popular spot for social gatherings such as birthday and going-away parties. The name "graves" near the grounds are make-believe, where sailors taking the leap to chief petty officer bury their white hats.

The Navy has recently given new life to the locker with a \$160,000 investment in new playground equipment built on rubber matting soft enough for babies.

The old equipment was "starting to deter-

riorate and was posing a safety hazard to kids," said Chief Petty Officer Ariel Genido, deputy resident officer in charge of construction for Navy Public Works.

The new playground includes slides, swings and a miniature climbing wall.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Aquilino Hollingsworth plays with 1-year-old Corey Hollingsworth Jr. on the new playground at Misawa Air Base's Davey Jones Locker.

"Before the playground was all rocky and dirty," she said. "They would always get hurt. Now it's all



Jennifer H. Svan/Stars and Stripes

Petty Officer 2nd Class Aquilino Hollingsworth plays with 1-year-old Corey Hollingsworth Jr. on the new playground at Misawa Air Base's Davey Jones Locker.

new and soft and babies can actually play out here."

The jizzed up and safer playground is just the beginning. The Navy has plans to renovate the building, perhaps raise the floor inside, move a bathroom and enclose an open, outdoor area to add more space, Genido said. The cost and timeline of the project is still unknown since it's still in design, he said.

Base residents say the locker is popular for social functions, but nobody seems to know how the facility

got its name.

"In the Navy, I think it means something bad to go to 'Davey Jones' Locker,'" said Staff Sgt. Hector Rosa.

Though the locker belongs to the Navy, it can be reserved for functions by anyone stationed at Misawa — sailors, soldiers, Marines and airmen, Navy officials said.

The building can't be used for fund-raisers or money-makers, such as Tupperware parties.

Reservations must be made one month in advance. Children may still use the playground while the building is in use but should check with those using the facility first, officials said.

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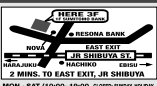
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# GI convicted of stealing sheik's SUV

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING  
The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — A soldier was convicted of stealing an Iraqi sheik's sport utility vehicle at gunpoint, but probably won't spend any time behind bars. Besides armed robbery, Sgt. 1st Class James Williams was also found guilty of willful dereliction of duty for allowing his soldiers to consume alcohol in Iraq.

Eight jurors, all members of the military, recommended that Williams not be sentenced to prison but instead be demoted to private and receive a bad conduct discharge. The sentence must be approved by his commanding general, Maj. Gen. Tom Turner of the 101st Airborne Division.

Williams, 37, of Westmoreland County, Virginia, faced up to 15 years in prison. He has 17 years' Army experience, including combat duty in the first Iraq war.

Throughout the three-day trial, Williams maintained that he took the SUV only because he was ordered to by his lieutenant and because he did not think it was a criminal act.

"In his mind there was nothing wrong with doing it," Williams' civilian defense attorney, Bernard Casey, said in closing arguments Thursday.

Casey said he plans to appeal. Williams declined to comment.

Capt. Howard Hoegge, an Army prosecutor, said Thursday in closing arguments that Williams



Sgt. 1st Class James Williams, center, with his wife, Kim, at right, leaves military court earlier this week during a break at Fort Campbell, Ky. Williams was convicted Thursday on charges of armed robbery and willful dereliction of duty stemming from a carjacking in Mosul, Iraq, in late April 2003.

helped take the SUV at gunpoint from the sheik's son, who was driving the vehicle. He then participated in orchestrating a coverup story that the vehicle was found abandoned, Hoegge said.

"The accused had a criminal mind through every stage of the crime," Hoegge said.

With tears rolling down his face when the sentence was read, Williams put his chin down. "We're lucky that he got this sentence," said Williams' wife, Kim Williams. "It could have been a lot worse."

Early in the war, soldiers were allowed to "commandeer" a civilian vehicle for military purposes under the rules of engagement. They were instructed to leave a receipt so the vehicle could be returned to the owner or money could be given to them.

But Hoegge said Williams and the other soldiers with him just wanted a "sweet ride" and didn't leave a receipt with the sheik's son.

# Commanders say Iraqi didn't drown in bridge incident

BY ROBERT WELER  
The Associated Press

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Testifying under immunity, three U.S. Army commanders admitted Friday that soldiers were forced to cover up an incident in which two Iraqi civilians were forced off a bridge into the Tigris River, where family members say one of them drowned. The commanders, however, said they don't believe anyone died, despite what the family and prosecutors say.

Capt. Matthew Cunningham said soldiers under his command admitted they forced the Iraqis to jump into the river last Jan. 3.

He said the soldiers told him they had the Iraqis "get wet" and that "they wanted to make them miserable a little bit and walk home."

He said it was a bad decision, but that soldiers had to have non-lethal ways to make their presence felt in the area. He called the suggestion that anyone drowned a "smear campaign" and said soldiers saw the civilians getting out of the river safely.

Cunningham also testified that

he and other commanders told the soldiers to clam up because they feared higher-ups in the chain of command would use the incident against them.

"We were not covering up anything that injured anybody," he said.

The testimony came on the third and final day of a hearing to determine whether three soldiers will be court-martialed in the incident. Family members in Iraq say Zaidoun Hassoun, 19, drowned and they will exhume his body to prove it, a cousin survived.

Sgt. 1st Class Tracy E. Perkins, 33, and Sgt. Reggie Martinez, 24, are charged with involuntary manslaughter, as is 1st Lt. Jack M. Saville, 24, whose hearing will be held later. The third defendant at this week's hearing, Spc. Terry Bowman, 21, is charged with assault for allegedly pushing the cousin into the river.

The hearing officer, Capt. Robert Ayers, will make a recommendation later on whether the men should face a court-martial. The four soldiers face 5½ years to 26½ years in prison if they are convicted.

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# 13 Iraqis killed as Marines fight insurgents in Fallujah

BY RAVI NESSMAN  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Fierce overnight fighting between Marines and Iraqi insurgents in Fallujah killed 13 Iraqis and wounded 14 others in a series of gunfights, mortar barrages and airstrikes, local officials said Friday.

Many of those wounded in the U.S. airstrikes appeared to be civilians, hospital officials said. The military said the insurgents started the fighting by ambushing a patrol and then fled into buildings in the city.

Iraq has been beset by surging violence in recent weeks, including a wave of kidnappings and a devastating car bombing Thursday that killed at least 70 people.

Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawer said the violence proved insurgents were growing desperate.

"I think the bad guys, the enemy, the army of the darkness is getting more helpless and hopeless, that is why they are stepping up these things. Time and the place is on our side," al-Yawer said after a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit since the handover of sovereignty last month.

During his brief, unannounced trip here Friday, Powell said the United States would speed up the slow pace of reconstruction funds to rebuild the infrastructure and create jobs, which will reduce support for the insurgency.

"We want to show the Iraqi people that

this money is being used for their benefit and do it as quickly as we can," Powell said.

Also Friday, a deadline set by militants to save the life of a captive truck driver expired. The militants, who are holding seven foreign hostages from India, Kenya and Egypt, threatened to kill one of the men Friday evening if its demands, including a pull-out by their company, were not met.

The drivers' company, Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Co., said Friday it was sending an official to Iraq to work with Sheikh Hisham al-Duleimi, head of an organization of Iraqi tribal leaders trying to negotiate a hostage release.

Al-Duleimi said Friday he has been negotiating with Egyptian and Indian officials regarding the captives, but had not yet spoken to the kidnappers.

"I appeal to the kidnappers to be patient and to refrain from escalating one of the hostages and to extend the deadline until positive results can be reached," he said.

In northern Iraq, villagers demanding the hostages' release detained 37 foreign tourists, most of them from Britain, for 18 hours. The tourists were released Friday after police persuaded the angry villagers to let them pass.

In Jordan, the relatives of four Jordanian truck drivers held by a different group joined with fellow drivers in chanting "Death to America" during a protest march they hoped would help free the captives.

The kidnappers called the families Thursday and told them to hold the protest as a condition for their release, said Mohammed Abu Jaafar, whose brother Ahmad is one of the hostages.

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# "He is on the way"

## Kerry promises that 'America can do better'

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Challenging President George W. Bush by declaring that "strength is more than tough words," Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry plunged into the general election campaign aimed at convincing millions of undecided voters that his time in Vietnam makes him the right commander in a time of war.

Leaving the warm embrace of his most fervent supporters — the thousands who flocked to the Democratic Party's nominating convention — Kerry is in stronger shape than any presidential challenger in a quarter-century.

After accepting his party's nomination in a boisterous Thursday night convention finale, Kerry and his running mate, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, rolled out of Boston with actor Ben Affleck to start a two-week, 3,500-mile campaign on buses emblazoned

with the words, "Believe in America." First stops will be in Scranton and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a state Bush lost by 5 percent-age points in 2000.

"Americans are playing by the rules while a whole group of people are writing the rules for themselves and leaving the rest of America out. We're going to change that around. Help is on the way for the average person in this country," Kerry said, repeating a refrain from his acceptance speech.

With slightly more than three months until the election, Kerry is virtually tied with Bush and likely to enjoy a bounce in the polls from this week's convention.

Kerry hit hard at the president's handling of the Iraq war and the war on terror in his acceptance speech Thursday night.

"Saying there are weapons of mass destruction in Iraq doesn't make it so. Saying we can fight a war on the cheap doesn't make it so," Kerry told an overflowing FleetCenter crowd and a television audience of millions.

"And proclaiming mission accomplished certainly doesn't make it so," he said to roars of approval.

The Democrats' convention, a four-day show of unity behind Kerry, was designed to tell millions of undecided voters in key states about his Vietnam War service and persuade them that he is prepared to lead and defend the country in an age of terrorism.

## Election promises

The Associated Press

BOSTON — A list of promises and pledges in John Kerry's Thursday night speech:

- Recruit allies to help rebuild Iraq.
- Add 40,000 active duty troops, including a doubling of special forces to fight terrorism.
- Immediately implement the recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission to improve America's security.
- Will not privatize Social Security or cut benefits.

■ Create incentives to revitalize manufacturing and invest in job-creating technology and innovation.

■ Eliminate tax incentives that encourage companies to ship jobs overseas and reward companies that keep and create jobs in the United States.

■ Enforce protections for American workers in trade agreements.

■ Cut the deficit in half in four years.

■ Cut middle-class taxes and reduce the tax burden on small businesses.

■ Repeat Bush's tax cuts for people making more than \$200,000 a year.

■ Institute an education plan that sets high standards, provides for smaller class sizes and demands accountability from parents, teachers, and schools.

■ Give a tax credit for college tuition.

■ Save families up to \$1,000 on health care premiums by cracking down on waste and abuse in the system; ensure patients can choose their own doctors; allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices for seniors; and allow Americans to buy less expensive prescription drugs from other countries.

■ Invest in vehicles that run on alternative fuels and other energy-saving technology.



**Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry vows to supporters in Boston on Friday before kicking off a "Believe in America" tour.**

Thirteen men who served with Kerry on sniffs about three decades ago in the Mekong Delta shared his spotlight, and a 9½-minute biographical film featured Kerry's own war footage.

Kerry, referring to critics' claims that the president's decision to invade Iraq was based on faulty evidence, promised immediate reforms of the U.S. intelligence system so "policy is guided by facts, and facts are never distorted by politics."

And when he cited U.S. job losses, rising health care costs, pollution and homelessness under Bush, Kerry repeated the phrase: "America can do better. And help is on the way."

# Acceptance speech skips Vietnam protester days

BY CALVIN WOODWARD

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Any tuning in to John F. Kerry for the first time during his acceptance speech Thursday at the Democratic National Convention would come away soaked in Kerry's past as a decorated Vietnam veteran but finding only hints about his days as a war protester.

Kerry spoke frequently of his younger days fighting for his country and ignored Vietnam when praising the American tradition of going to war only "because we have to."

Kerry says he is still proud of his anti-war activism when he came back.

A video introduction shown at the convention before the broadcast networks began carrying his speech included a clip of the young Kerry, in military garb, testifying to Congress against the war in 1971.

Kerry emphasized throughout his speech his credentials as a Vietnam veteran. "I defended this country as a young man," he said. "We fought for this nation because we loved it, and we came back with the deep belief that every day is extra."

There was no telling from his remarks that Kerry became a leading anti-war protester after his return from Vietnam.

Testifying to Congress on behalf of Vietnam Veterans Against the War, he detailed atrocities he said were committed by U.S. troops in Vietnam, including rapes, beatings and random killings of civilians, only to acknowledge later he had not witnessed these acts.

He tossed away the ribbons he had received with his war medals, threw away the medals of other veterans who weren't able to attend a protest and told the 1971 Senate hearing: "The country doesn't know it yet, but it has created a monster, a monster in the form of millions of men who have been taught to deal and to trade in violence, and who are given the chance to die for the biggest nothing in history."

Despite his judgment then that Vietnam was about "nothing" — and despite other wars and invasions of dubious necessity — Kerry suggested Iraq was a departure from a long-held practice of last-resort wars.

"As president, I will bring back this nation's time-honored tradition: The United States of America never goes to war because we want to, we only go to war because we have to."

# Bush touts 'results' in response to Kerry

BY PETE YOST  
The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — President Bush launched his counterattack Friday against John Kerry, saying his Democratic rival spent 18 years in the U.S. Senate with "no significant achievements."

"My opponent has good intentions, but intentions do not always translate to results," Bush told thousands of supporters who repeatedly interrupted his remarks with standing ovations.

Appearing at a baseball stadium at Southwest Missouri State University, Bush said that during eight years on the Senate Intelligence Committee,

Kerry voted to cut the intelligence budget but had no record of reforming America's intelligence-gathering capabilities.

Problems with the intelligence agencies have been blamed for many of the failures surrounding the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Bush also said Kerry has no significant record for reforming education or health care.

The president said that Kerry and running mate John Edwards committed to oppose reforms that limit the power of Washington and leave more power in the hands of the people.

"This week members of the other party gathered in Boston," Bush said. "We heard a lot of clever speeches and some big promises. After 19 years in the United States Senate, my opponent has had thousands of votes but very few signature achievements."

Bush also mounted a defense of his record, saying that Kerry would erase gains made in the last four years in the economy and U.S. security.

"We are turning the corner and we are not turning back" in the war on terrorism and on issues from improving education and health care to maintaining tax cuts, Bush said, declaring: "Results matter."

"They're going to raise taxes, we're not," Bush said of Kerry.

He said the Bush administration has "a clear vision on how to win the war on terror and bring peace to the world."

Bush also contrasted the long-time government service of Dick Cheney to Edwards, a first-term senator. "I appreciate my running mate," said Bush. "He's not the prettiest man in the race, but he's got sound judgment."

Of the outlines of his re-election agenda, Bush promised better times and fresh ideas, declaring:

"I think the senator of Massachusetts is a walking contradiction," said Bush spokesman Scott McClellan. Although he called Kerry's speech "well-crafted," he criticized Kerry's Senate record and said he is "running as fast and as far as he can from that record."

# Democrats sideline liberal topics at convention

BY RON FOURNIER  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Focusing on John Kerry as a television-fighting, medal-winning patriot, nobody at the Democratic National Convention, it seems, is talking about gay rights and other hot-button issues.

Abortion rights, gay rights, affirmative action, gun control — these and more traditional liberal convention themes were shunned

to the margins as the Kerry team relentlessly focused its convention on the candidate's Vietnam War record.

The special interests that favor Democrats understand that they will be vastly better off under a Kerry administration than they have been under Bush," said Matt Bennett, spokesman for Americans for Gun Safety, which supports gun control.

"They also understand the way to get Kerry elected is to focus on

the issue that is most important to voters — that is security both at home and abroad," Bennett said.

Bush spokesman Steve Schmidt said Democrats are trying to keep Kerry's liberal ways from the general public. "We've said from the first hour of the convention that this will be an extreme makeover of John Kerry's 20-year record in the U.S. Senate," he said.

Cheryl Jacques, president of the Human Rights Campaign,

spoke prior to the prime-time Wednesday night schedule to defend "marriage equality," or the right of gays to marry. Her spokesman, Mark Shacht, said it makes sense to focus the convention on security, not gay rights and other liberal topics. "If you look at every national poll, gay rights is not something people want politicians spending their time on. They want them spending their time on jobs, the economy and the war in Iraq," he said.

# Kerry's words for servicemembers

John Kerry addressed delegates to close the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Here are excerpts from his speech, focusing on his plans for the military:

I'm John Kerry, and I'm reporting to my fellow Americans,

we're here tonight to make America stronger at home and respected in the world. ...

I was born, as some of you saw in the film, in Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Colorado, where my dad was a pilot in World War II.

And when I was a young man, he was in the State Department, stationed in Berlin when it and the world were divided between democracy and communism.

I have unforgettable memories of being a kid mesmerized by the British, French and American troops, each of them guarding their own part of the city, and Russians standing guard on that stark line separating East from West. ...

I learned what it meant to be America at our best. ...

I will be a commander in chief who will never mislead us into war.

My fellow Americans, this is the most important election of our lifetime. The stakes are high. We are a nation at war: a global war

on terror against an enemy unlike we've ever known before. ...

The world tonight is very different from the world of four years ago. But I believe the American people are more than equal to the challenge.

Now, I know that there are those who criticize me for seeing complexities — and I do — because some issues just aren't all that simple. I know what kids go through when they're carrying an M-16 in a dangerous place, and they can't tell friend from foe. I know what they go through when they're out on patrol at night and they don't know what's coming around the next bend. I know what it's like to write letters home telling your family that everything's all right, when you're not sure that that's true.

As president, I will wage this war with the lesson I learned in war. Before you go to battle, you have to be able to look a parent in the eye and truthfully say, "I tried everything possible to avoid sending your son or daughter into harm's way, but we had no choice. We had to protect the American people, fundamental American values against a threat that was real and imminent."

So, lesson No. 1, this is the only justification for going to war.

And on my first day in office, I will send a message to every man and woman in our armed forces: You will never be asked to fight a war without a plan to win the peace.

I know what we have to do in Iraq. We need a president who has the credibility to bring our allies to our side and share the bur-

den, reduce the cost to American taxpayers, reduce the risk to American soldiers. That's the right way to get the job done and bring our troops home.

Here is the reality: That won't happen until we have a president who restores America's respect and leadership so we don't have to go it alone in the world. ... And we need to rebuild our alliances so we can get the terrorists before they get us. I defended this country as a young man, and I will defend it as president.

Let there be no mistake: I will never hesitate to use force when it is required. Any attack will be met with a swift and a certain response.

I will never give any nation or any institution a veto over our national security.

And I will build a stronger military. We will add 40,000 active

duty troops, not in Iraq, but to strengthen American forces that are now overstretched, overextended and under pressure.

We will double our Special Forces to conduct terrorist operations, anti-terrorist operations, and we will provide our troops with the newest weapons and technology to save their lives and win the battle. And we will end the backdoor draft of the National Guard and reservists.

To all who serve in our armed forces today, I say: Help is on the way. ...

As president, I will fight a smarter, more effective war on terror. We will deploy every tool in our arsenal: our economic as well as our military might, our principles as well as our firepower.

In these dangerous days, there

is a right way and a wrong way to be strong. Strength is more than tough words. ...

We need a strong military and we need to lead strong alliances.

And then, with confidence and determination, we will be able to tell the terrorists: You will lose, and we will win. The future doesn't belong to fear; it belongs to freedom. ...

For four years, we've heard a lot of talk about values. But values spoken without actions taken are just slogans. ...

It is time to reach for the next dream. It is time to look to the next horizon. For America, the hope is there. The sun is rising. Our best days are still to come.

Thank you. Good night. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

From The Associated Press



Kerry



## A challenge to Bush

BY RONALD BROWNSTEIN

Los Angeles Times

BOSTON — Sen. John F. Kerry capped a Democratic convention centered on his experiences in Vietnam with an acceptance speech that seemed the political equivalent of a surprise attack on an enemy's strongest point.

In a confident and combative address Thursday night, Kerry signaled his determination to fight the fall campaign on terrain that the White House has long assumed would belong to President Bush: strength, integrity, values and the prosecution of the war on terror.

Challenging Bush's claim to better represent mainstream social values, Kerry jibed, "It is time for those who talk about family values to start valuing families." Above all, the convention, and Kerry's speech itself, seemed designed to reassure Americans that it was safe to take the unsettling step of replacing the commander in chief at a time of war.

Yet the speech left openings Republican will seek to exploit in the weeks ahead. It offered no new details on Kerry's plans for stabilizing Iraq. Nor did Kerry clearly say whether he believed the war was a mistake.

Kerry said little about his career in the Senate — thus provid-

ing little new defense for a voting record the Bush campaign has harshly criticized. And by placing greater emphasis on new spending proposals than how he would pay for them.

Without directly saying that he believed the war in Iraq was a mistake, Kerry strongly suggested his own experience in combat would make him more cautious than Bush about sending American troops into such a war again.

Concluding with Kerry's speech, the party presented a consistent and integrated critique of Bush's strategy for protecting America after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. They have accused Bush of alienating the world, and slighting efforts to bolster homeland security, in favor of an excessively ideological reliance on military force justified by the decision to invade Iraq.

Kerry promised to win more cooperation from allies and implied that he would be more discriminating than Bush in rejecting "simple" answers and acknowledging the complexities of the choices America faces in the world. But he repeated earlier promises to "never give any nation or any institution a veto over our national security" and to "never hesitate to use force when it is required."

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# Marine corporal's 'Fahrenheit 9/11' comments probed

BY SANDRA JONTZ  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Comments made by Marine Cpl. Abdul Henderson in Michael Moore's controversial film "Fahrenheit 9/11" prompted the Marine's commanders to look into the appropriateness of his film debut.

Henderson, a reservist with the 3rd Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company out of Long Beach, Calif., was featured, wearing his service dress Alpha uniform, alongside Moore outside the U.S. Capitol as the pair unsuccessfully solicited legislators to enlist their children into the U.S. military and to fight in the war in Iraq.

On one point, Moore asked the 25-year-old Marine, who served in Iraq last year, whether he'd return to the Middle East to fight again.

Moore: "If you get called up, will you go back to Iraq?"

Henderson: "No."  
Moore: "Why not?"

Henderson: "No."

Moore: "What repercussions do you face if you don't..."  
Henderson: "It's possible jail time. That's one possible thing."  
Moore: "Are you willing to risk that?"

Henderson: "Yes. Yes, I will not let my person... I will, I will not let anyone send me back over there to kill other poor people. Especially when they pose no threat to me and my country. I won't do it."

Henderson's comments and big-screen appearance — in a scene in which Moore is poking fun at lawmakers by saying that of 535 Congress members, only one has a child serving in the Middle East — prompted commanders to investigate his association with the film, said Capt. Peter Kerr, a spokesman for Marine Forces Reserves in New Orleans.

Army and Marine Corps officials interviewed by Stars and Stripes knew of no other service members in the film who were being investigated. Marine Corps recruiters who appear, for example, were filmed under misleading pretenses, a Marine Corps official said.

But no one is labeling Henderson a deserter, Kerr said. In fact, his California-based unit hasn't been called up. "There is just no indication that his unit is going to be activated again," Kerr said.

"It's the fact that he was wearing the uniform [in the movie], and they are just determining if there were improprieties related to his role in the movie," Kerr said.

Of course, the Corps will be watching to see if his unit is reactivated, whether Henderson will follow through on his pledge to not go. But at this point, it's all speculative, Kerr said. Deserter is punishable from an administrative discharge to a court-martial and possible jail time.

Henderson could not be reached by Stripes for comment, but in an interview featured in Wednesday's edition of USA Today, the paper quoted Henderson as saying: "The question kind of surprised me, because I wasn't expecting it. But my answer came from the heart."

Kerr doesn't know what spurred the probe by Henderson's commanders.

"This definitely is not anything routine, where a Marine appears in a movie, especially in a movie of this nature," Kerr said.

Henderson is a fire support man with the 3rd ANGLICO, which helps coordinate artillery fire and naval gunfire for U.S. Army and coalition ground forces.

According to the USA Today article, he describes himself as a spiritual Christian, and prefers to remain out of the limelight. Henderson, a business major at California State University-Los Angeles is spending the summer in Washington, D.C., with his wife, a student at Howard University, and their newborn son.

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# Senate hears 9/11 panel's plan to revamp intelligence structure

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Leaders of the Sept. 11 commission urged senators Friday to embrace their politically sensitive proposals for massive changes to the nation's intelligence structure, warning that bureaucratic wrangling leaves America dangerously vulnerable to another terrorist attack.

The unusual hearing — coming during summer recess on Capitol Hill — focused on two of the commission's most complex proposals: the creation of a new national counterterrorism center and a new national intelligence director to oversee the 15-agency intelligence community.

"We have concluded the intelligence community is not going to get its job done unless somebody really is in charge," said Lee Hamilton, the Democratic vice chairman on the commission. "That is just not the case now, and we have paid the price."

Thomas Kean, the commission's Republican chairman, described a litany of failures by the intelligence community in the months preceding the 2001 terror attacks against New York and Washington. He attributed failures to a profound lack of coordination across intelligence agencies.

"No one was the quarterback, no one was calling the plays," Kean said. He said that in the proposed



Thomas Kean, left, chairman of the Sept. 11, 2001, commission, appears before the Senate Government Affairs Committee on Capitol Hill on Friday, with vice chairman Lee Hamilton.

reorganization, "each agency needs to give up some of their existing turf and some of their authority." Kean said an assertion by recently departed CIA Director George Tenet that it will take five years to reform intelligence was "unacceptable."



# White House projects \$445B deficit

BY ALAN FRAM  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House projected Friday that this year's deficit will hit a record \$445 billion, further fueling a campaign-season dispute over President Bush's handling of the economy.

The figure easily surpassed last year's \$375 billion, making it the largest-ever in dollar terms. That gave ammunition to Democrats who say Bush's tax cuts and failure to prevent a loss of jobs during his term have worsened the outlook for the budget and the economy.

But in a political plus for Re-

publicans, the new projection was also an improvement over forecasters' expectations of earlier this year. In February, the administration projected a \$521 billion shortfall for 2004, while the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated a month earlier that the deficit would be \$477 billion.

The White House was attributing the improvement to the collection of \$82 billion more in revenue than had been anticipated, which generally reflects more vigorous economic activity. That was partly offset by \$6 billion more in spending than was expected, mostly for Medicaid and Medicare.

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# Sources: Ridge may resign Homeland Security post

By TED BRIDIS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge is considering stepping down after the November election, telling colleagues he is worn out from the massive reorganization of government and needs to earn money in the private sector to put his teenage children through college, officials said.

Ridge will not make a final deci-

sion until he talks to President George W. Bush later this year and is focused on thwarting the terror attacks that officials fear al-Qaida will attempt before November, Assistant Homeland Security Secretary Susan Neely said.

"Secretary Ridge is focused entirely on the job the president has asked him to do," Neely said Wednesday.

Several senior Homeland Security officials told The Associated Press that Ridge has indicated in

recent weeks he probably will resign after the election, even if Bush wins. They spoke only on condition of anonymity, citing the delicate nature of describing private conversations with their boss.

Ridge, 58, has explained to colleagues that he needs to earn money to comfortably put his two children, Tommy Jr. and Lesley, through college, officials said. Both are now teenagers. Ridge earns \$175,700 a year as a Cabinet secretary.

The former Pennsylvania governor, who agreed to serve as the department's inaugural secretary, also has expressed to colleagues frustration over the continuing challenges of reorganizing the 22 disparate agencies that formed the Homeland Security Department, officials said.

One senior official said Ridge has cautioned that his plans, while leaning toward resignation, could be changed by coming events, such as another terror attack or a

discussion with the president.

Ridge has personally faced criticism over frequent but vague public warnings about possible terrorist activity, and he was widely ridiculed last year for urging motorists to stock up on duct tape and plastic sheeting to seal themselves inside during a chemical or biological attack.

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## 3 dead in Texas floods

DALLAS — Authorities searched Friday for a motorist whose vehicle was found in a flooded creek downstream from a collapsed bridge after more than a foot of rain fell in the Dallas area.

The body of another motorist was found in the creek, and two others were also known dead from the severe storms that moved through late Wednesday and early Thursday.

In the Dallas suburb of Lancaster, city officials were hoping for state and federal help after flooding damaged as many as 200 homes.

State transportation officials were investigating why concrete columns collapsed in the bridge in the small Ellis County town of Ovilla.

Two vehicles were found downstream from the bridge late Thursday, and the body of a 52-year-old man who had apparently been driving to work before sunrise was found under piles of debris in Red Oak Creek, county Sheriff's Chief Deputy Charles Sullins said. The search for the second motorist continued.

In Dallas, a motorist was killed Wednesday after his pickup truck knocked over a utility pole.

## Baby food tampering case

IRVINE, Calif. — A possible witness to a case of baby food tampering came to a police station accompanied by his lawyer and talked with investigators for about an hour.

Charles Dewey Cage, 47, was interviewed Thursday, the day after authorities disclosed the tampering. A non-lethal form of the poison ricin was found in two jars of Gerber brand baby food purchased last month at the same Irvine supermarket. Two infants ate the banana yogurt dessert but did not become sick.

Cage was not able to help with the investigation, his lawyer, Mark Williams, said outside the police station.

"He had no information, no knowledge of these crimes whatsoever," Williams said, adding his client was innocent.

A spokesman for Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas said again Thursday that Cage "is not a suspect. He is a potential witness with information about this case and we are asking for his assistance." Rackauckas has said Cage was "in the area at a relevant time."

From wire reports

# Top Pakistani official survives attack

BY PAUL HAVEN

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A suicide bomber blew himself up next to a car carrying Pakistan's prime minister-designate Friday, getting close enough to kill his driver and at least four other people, and spraying shrapnel into a crowd of supporters gathered to hear the politician.

About three dozen people were wounded, hospital officials said, some seriously.

The assassination attempt against Shaukat Aziz occurred just hours after authorities an-

nounced the capture of a senior al-Qaida terrorist, and a day after Pakistan acknowledged it was considering sending troops to Iraq. Suspicion immediately fell on Islamic militants enraged at President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's support for the U.S.-led war on terror.

Pakistan said the arrest of Ahmed Khalifa Ghailani — a Tanzanian with a \$25 million bounty on his head in the United States for his alleged role in the 1998 East African embassy attacks — was "a major blow" to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, and vowed to keep hunting terrorists.

The assassination attempt occurred at about 7:20 p.m. as Aziz — the 60-year-old finance minister who has already been tapped to take over as prime minister — was leaving a rally in Fateh Jang, a town 35 miles southwest of the capital, said Tahir Sadiq, the town's mayor.

Aziz and Sadiq had just gotten into the bulletproof Mercedes, parked in a crowded area, when a man approached and set off the blast. Aziz's driver had not yet closed his armored door and was killed, Sadiq told The Associated Press.

Two hours after the attack, Aziz

— appearing unhurt — told a gathering of supporters outside his Islamabad home that he was all right and would "continue to serve the country with the same commitment and determination."

About a dozen heavily armed Pakistani soldiers arrived shortly afterward to guard the residence. Information Minister Shaikh Rashid Ahmed put the death toll at five.

Aziz, a former Citibank executive credited with turning around Pakistan's economy under Musharraf, was in Fateh Jang to campaign for an upcoming by-election in an effort to win a seat in the lower house.

## Terror suspect arrested

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan said Friday it will only consider extraditing a senior al-Qaida suspect after its own interrogation of the man is complete, while top government officials said the arrest showed Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network was crumbling.

A top Pakistani security official told The Associated Press the information that Ahmed Khalifa Ghailani was providing to his interrogators has already been shared with American intelligence, and that experts had begun to scour computer hard drives and diskettes found during his arrest.

Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayyat said the arrest was a "great blow to the al-Qaida" network of Osama bin Laden, but refused to say whether Ghailani had any knowledge of the terror leader's whereabouts.

Bin Laden is believed to be hiding in the rugged mountains between Pakistan and Afghanistan, though there is no hard evidence of his location.

Ghailani, one of the FBI's 22 most wanted terrorists and a man with a \$25 million bounty on his head, has been indicted in the Southern District of New York for his alleged role in the 1998 twin U.S. embassy bombings, which killed more than 200 people, including 12 Americans. He could face the death penalty.

Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul Rauf Chaudhry said his government had not yet received any request from Washington for Ghailani's extradition.

From the Associated Press

# U.S., Israel embassies attacked in Uzbekistan

BY BURT HERMAN

The Associated Press

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — Suicide bombers targeted the U.S. and Israeli embassies Friday in the Uzbek capital along with the top prosecutor's office in nearly simultaneous attacks, killing at least two Uzbeks and wounding nine others, a government spokesman said.

Two local guards were killed at the Israeli Embassy, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Ilkhom Zakirov. Seven people were wound-

ed in a blast at the prosecutor general's office, and two at the U.S. Embassy, he said. Two of the injured were in critical condition, the Interior Ministry said.

A previously unknown group claimed responsibility for the attacks on an Islamic Web site, but the claim couldn't be verified.

The attacks occurred as 15 suspects with alleged links to al-Qaida are being tried for a wave of violence earlier this year that left at least 47 people dead and included Central Asia's first-ever

suicide bombings.

All three bombers in the attacks at around 5 p.m. Friday were men, Zakirov said, and one had identification documents indicating he was an Uzbek citizen.

Interior Minister Zokirjon Almatov said the bombers were prevented from entering the buildings of their targets to inflict more damage.

The U.S. Embassy said a suicide bomber detonated a bomb outside its building and that two Uzbek police officers were injured. No

American or local embassy personnel were hurt, the embassy said in a statement.

Israeli Ambassador Tzvi Cohen told Israel Radio the explosion occurred on the street outside the embassy entrance, and that all the Israeli personnel were safe inside the building.

A group calling itself the Islamic Holy War Group in Uzbekistan claimed responsibility for the attacks, posting a message Friday on an Islamic Web site known for carrying statements from militant groups.

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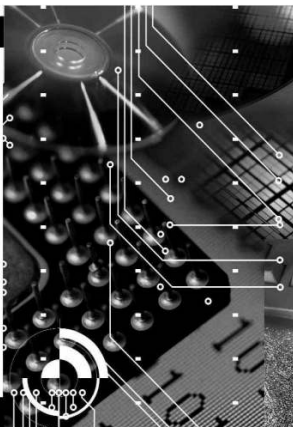


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# Japan keeping lid on sensitive news

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

TOKYO — The crown princess, complaining of exhaustion, withdrew from her official duties seven months ago and hasn't been seen in public since. This month, an American accused of deserting his Army unit 40 years ago was whisked out of North Korea and quickly admitted into a Japanese hospital, where he, too, has vanished behind a wall of government protection.

Then there's chess legend Bobby Fischer, languishing in an airport detention cell and facing possible deportation.

While these three may have very little else in common, they have become the embodiment of an age-old Japanese saying: If the pot smells, put a lid on it.

All have a potentially sensitive story to tell.

The princess has become the focus of a debate on palace reform.

The alleged deserter, Charles Robert Jenkins, may have been forced into leaving his adopted home of North Korea to serve Japanese political goals. And Fischer is seeking asylum rather than be sent back to the United States, where he is wanted for violating sanctions against the former Yugoslavia more than a decade ago.

Shielded by officials, none has made any sort of statement, given a news conference or had any other direct contact with the media or public at large. What information trickles out is filtered through government handlers serving as their spokesmen, while reporters and even relatives are denied access.

"We were very excited for Robert to come to Japan so he could be free at last," James Hyman said after flying to Tokyo only to be refused a meeting with Jenkins, who is his uncle. "Now I wonder if he really is, when." He can't see his own family due to political concerns.

Jenkins' sister has also said the Japanese government suggested

she stay away.

Hardly a disinterested intermediary, the government pushed hard for Jenkins to live in this country with his wife, Hitomi Soga, who was repatriated two years ago after being abducted and taken to North Korea in 1978. But Jenkins, 64, originally of Rich Square, North Carolina, balked at joining her here for fear of facing punishment for allegedly abandoning his Army unit in 1965 and defecting.

His Tokyo hospital room is closely guarded, and no one but his wife and daughters may see him.

Even higher is the wall around 40-year-old Crown Princess Masako.

Under intense pressure, palace officials finally announced Friday that she has adjustment disorder, a psychological condition caused by stress, and was receiving counseling and medication.

They have refused to provide further details.

Her husband, Crown Prince Naruhito, said at a news conference in May that a decision to delay that of palace life and

pressure to produce a baby boy to ensure the future of the royal line have left her exhausted.

Fischer, though he has not been arrested or formally charged with any crime, has been in detention at Narita International Airport just outside of Tokyo for more than two weeks. Officials say he is facing deportation for traveling on an invalid passport.

"There are human rights issues in people not being able to speak for themselves," said Makoto Teranaka of Amnesty International's Japan office. "And if Fischer is seeking refugee status, he should not be in custody."

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# Accused deserter rests in hospital, U.S. military prepares case

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

TOKYO — In Japan after 40 years in North Korea, accused U.S. Army deserter Charles Robert Jenkins appears to be settling into a quiet routine. Ensnared in a Tokyo hospital, he is visited by his wife and daughters every day.

The gaggle of cameramen outside has dwindled to just a half dozen or so. And doctors say his recovery is going much better than expected — though they refuse to say what exactly he is supposed to be suffering from.

Jenkins' new routine, however, may be short-lived.

The U.S. military has refrained from nabbing Jenkins while he is in the hospital, but has been quietly preparing to bring him to justice as soon as he is physically able. No formal deadline has been announced, but Japanese media reports say High Noon for Jenkins may come as soon as next week.

Still, taking custody of Jenkins, who is accused of deserting his Army unit in 1964 and defecting to North Korea soon after, poses a delicate political dilemma.

While in North Korea, Jenkins met and married Hitomi Soga, a Japanese woman 20 years his junior. Soga was kidnapped and taken to the North in 1978, but after an unprecedented summit between Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Kim Jong Il, was repatriated with four other abductees two years ago.

Soga's tragic story — her mother, who also went missing that night in 1978, is still unaccounted for — has made her something of a national hero in Japan. Koizumi has personally championed the effort to have her family reunited, and possibly permanently resettled, in this country.

Many Japanese feel Jenkins, who arrived in Japan earlier this month and has been hospitalized since, should be forgiven by Washington, for Soga's sake.

"America has it's own position, but I hope that they will take him into custody and then free him



Hitomi Soga, wife of accused Army deserter Charles Robert Jenkins, escorts their daughters, Mika, center, and Belinda, on a shopping trip in Japan on Friday. The family visits Jenkins every day at the Japanese hospital where he's receiving treatment.

with a pardon," said Osamu Muramatsu, a 50-year-old Tokyo company employee. "I hope our government will push to see that happens."

U.S. officials have been unwavering.

As far as Washington is concerned, Jenkins, now 64, is still

sergeant in the Army. To prepare for his pending court martial, they this week transferred his official duty station to Japan, so that he will be subject to the Status of Forces Agreement, which defines the rights and responsibilities of the U.S. troops here.

The military is also preparing to have an Army lawyer with Jenkins. That meeting, according to Japanese media reports, is expected to take place next week.

Military officials refused to comment.

"I imagine they have been gearing up for this since they first heard he was coming to Japan," said Annette Eddie-Callagan, a former Air Force attorney who now has a private practice in Japan.

Jenkins faces several possible charges. Along with desertion, which carries a maximum life penalty, he could also be prosecuted for charges ranging from aiding the enemy to encouraging other soldiers to desert their posts.

While in the North, Jenkins participated in propaganda broadcasts across the Demilitarized Zone urging his colleagues to defect. He also acted in anti-U.S. movies, and is believed to have taught English at a training cen-

ter for spies.

Though it is unlikely Jenkins would have any special insight into North Korea's nuclear weapons program, he could have valuable intelligence to offer on the fates of other American defectors and even prisoners from the Korean War.

A Japanese newspaper report Friday said the military also believes Jenkins may have assisted North Korean officials in the questioning of U.S. servicemen after the 1968 seizure of the USS Pueblo. The report, in the Sankei Shinbun, quoted anonymous American officials.

Complicity in such interrogations could complicate Jenkins' position.

The Pueblo was monitoring communist ship movements and intercepting messages in international waters near the North Korean coast when it was attacked by torpedo

boats. One sailor was killed and 82 were taken prisoner. During their captivity, crewmembers were beaten with pieces of lumber, burned on radiators and had their teeth kicked out by North Korean soldiers.

Even so, Jenkins could receive a light sentence.

Japanese and American officials have indicated he may seek a plea bargain, perhaps requesting leniency in exchange for whatever information he can provide about North Korea.

"There are all kinds of mitigating circumstances, including his age, and things from his life," Eddie-Callagan said. "But at this point it is very hard to say what might happen."



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# Palace: Japan princess has stress disorder

BY KENJI HALL  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese Crown Princess Masako, who disappeared from public view seven months ago, is suffering from a psychological disorder brought on by the pressures of royal life, the palace said Friday.

It has long been common knowledge in Japan that Masako was unhappy, but the statement from the Imperial Household Agency was the first medical explanation for her long absence from her official duties.

The agency said Masako, 40, has a stress-induced adjustment disorder and has experienced bouts of depression and anxiety. She is undergoing counseling and taking prescription drugs.

Palace spokesman Mitsuhito Saito said the doctors disclosed Masako's condition after getting permission from the princess and her husband, Crown Prince Naruhito.

The new revelations offer another peek at the turmoil behind the palace walls.

Naruhito, who is second-in-line to the throne, has said Masako was exhausted from trying to adjust to imperial life and the pressures of producing an heir. Masako and Naruhito, 44, have a 2-year-old daughter, but women cannot inherit the throne.

Before a European trip in May, Naruhito lashed out at palace officials for restricting his wife's activities, saying they wanted to "deny her character." He also blamed them for her ill health.

The turmoil inside palace walls has stirred calls for reform of the Imperial Household Agency, the conservative government bureaucracy that oversees palace affairs.

On Friday, the palace said its top priority was letting the princess have her private time to regain strength.

"We are considering changes to the princess' official duties," the agency said, but offered no details.



Japanese Crown Princess Masako holds her daughter, 2-year-old Princess Aiko, at Masako's parents' house in Tokyo last year. Masako has been diagnosed by doctors as having an adjustment disorder, Japanese media reported Friday.

Recently, the princess has felt well enough to play tennis — a sign she is recovering, the agency said.

Japan's top government spokesman said Masako's condition didn't appear serious. "We hope the crown princess quickly recovers. I think that's what all Japanese hope for," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said.

Masako, a former diplomat who was educated at Harvard and Oxford and is fluent in several languages, has occasionally alluded to the stress of royal life since she married the crown prince in 1993.

She had one miscarriage before giving birth to Princess Aiko in December 2001.

The first indication that the princess' situation had worsened came in December, when she was briefly hospitalized for shingles, a viral infection that can be induced by stress. She hasn't performed her official duties or accompanied her husband on tours since then.

A month later, Masako said in a statement that her health problems "resulted from the accumulation of mental and physical fatigue" in an unfamiliar environment over the past 10 years.

# Fischer's appeal deadline extended

BY NATALIE OBIKO  
PEARSON

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese immigration officials gave chess legend Bobby Fischer a three-day extension to appeal a deportation order to the United States, just hours before a Friday deadline, a supporter said.

Fischer, wanted by U.S. authorities for playing a 1992 chess match in the former Yugoslavia in violation of international sanctions, previously had until midnight Friday to fight a decision to deport him for traveling with a revoked passport.

That deadline was extended to Monday to give Fischer time to prepare the necessary documents, John Bosnitch, a Tokyo-based communications consultant advising Fischer, told The Associated Press. He said he decided to help his "boyhood hero" after hearing about his plight. "Mr. Fischer is going to fight this unlawful detention all the way," Bosnitch said after visiting Fischer at the detention center to review the case with him. "If he has three days, he will use

three days ... he will take full benefit of whatever remaining rights he has."

The move was the latest attempt by Fischer to thwart attempts to deport him to the United States.

Since his detention, Fischer — whose father was German — also has been attempting to obtain a German passport or win political asylum from a third country. He could also seek a court injunction to stop the immigration proceedings, which he claims are illegal.

"We are still pursuing all those options," Bosnitch said. He declined to elaborate.

Fischer, 61, was detained at Tokyo's Narita airport after trying to board a plane for the Philippines on July 13, using a passport that had been revoked by the United States.

As Japanese officials prepared to deport him, Fischer appealed, claiming that the passport was revoked without due process and was therefore still valid.

That appeal was rejected Tuesday after a closed two-day hearing.

His next appeal would go to Japan's justice minister.

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# Connecting to the ties that bind

Parents' homelands seek lasting link with American teens

BY PHONG LY  
The Washington Post

**F**OR the teen-agers who trooped through the leafy courtyard of the centuries-old palace in South Korea one recent July day, the Korean government had high hopes.

The 80 or so youngsters of Korean descent, born and raised overseas, would learn how to bow properly. They would respect their elders, cherish the culture and understand the long, glorious history of their parents' homeland. They would love Korea.

Whatever.  
A couple of guys announced they were tired. Several popped gum.

But keep talking loudly, even as a teacher walked down the crooked lines of sweaty teen-agers, telling everyone to hush.

"She should have said it in English," said Lisa Choe, 16, of Clarksville, giggling. "Half the kids don't speak Korean."

But to the South Korean government, these teen-agers — no matter how little of the language they speak or how much they indulge in that particularly American trait of whining — are still Koreans.

As waves of immigrants make the United States their home, Korea and other countries are hosting programs to make sure their American-born offspring still connect with the old country.

"Our goal is not necessarily to have them come back to Korea" permanently, said Moon Yang-soo, who helped coordinate the Overseas Korean Student Summer School for that government's Ministry of Education. "We want to help them find their own identity, get a



Maryland teens Michelle Do, left, and Elizabeth Shin at a Korean camp for youths raised overseas. As waves of immigrants make the United States their home, Korea and other countries are hosting programs to make sure their American-born offspring still connect with the old country.

PHOTO BY TRACY A. WOODWARD  
Washington Post

positive picture of their parents' culture and educate them about their mother country."

Taiwan has what is possibly the longest summer program, with six weeks of language lessons and field trips for as many as 1,000 Chinese-American college students who visit annually.

In recent years, Mexico has provided an all-expenses-paid week-long tour of the country for about 20 Mexican-American middle and high school students. Israel has long sponsored trips for young Jewish adults to build loyalty to the Jewish state.

Although coordinators emphasize the chief goals of cultural understanding and fostering good will, the programs are often tinged with politics.

In Mexico, the visitors meet with top officials including President Vicente Fox, who has said he considers Mexican-Americans to be part of the country.

His foreign minister has said he

hopes Mexican-Americans become as strong social and political advocates for Mexico as Jewish Americans have become for Israel.

Under the "birthright Israel" program, Israel plans to bring in 100,000 young Jewish adults within five years "to strengthen the sense of solidarity between Israeli youth and Jewish communities throughout the world," according to the program's Web site.

The site, in addition to alumni updates, includes news and opinions on Middle Eastern politics.

At the Korean camp, the first order of business is learning the South Korean national anthem. In Taiwan, Chinese-American students sit through lectures on Taiwan-China tensions, which — not surprisingly — favor the Taiwanese side.

"They are the descendants of Taiwanese; they should be able to understand the background of the situation," said Michael Chen, a spokesman for Taiwan's representative office in Washington, D.C.

"Whether they do something about it depends on their own will or their own path."

Chen noted that the U.S. government has its own cultural exchange programs that bring foreign students to American universities. He said Taiwan is a U.S. ally and, in the long run, the Taiwanese camp ultimately benefits U.S. interests.

But then again, Chen said, "the government understands that kids are not that interested in politics."

Most participants come with their own agendas. Pat Tien of Arlington, Va., for instance, just wanted a summer away from his parents.

Tien, who attended the Taiwanese camp in 1994, says he slept through his morning Chinese classes. He dismissed the lectures as "brainwashing propaganda." He was more interested in exploring the nightclubs with new camp friends — who included his future wife.

Everybody called the program by its notorious nickname: Love Boat.

"I'm sure the Taiwanese government had plans for political change when they started this program," Tien said with a laugh. "Little did they know it's for college kids to hook up, party and drink."

Now, though, Tien says he's embarrassed when friends joke that he and his wife, Connie, are a Love Boat success story. Ten years after the camp, he said, he's realized that maybe the Taiwanese government did accomplish a few of its lofty goals.

"I'm American, and growing up with 99 percent of my friends being white, going to Taiwan was in a sense a way for me to reconnect with my culture," said Tien, 30, who works in the personnel office for Arlington County, Va., schools.

"It's so cool that we're Chinese, too. We get to try so many different things. It's a whole other world out there."

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# Babe's ghost invoked to save strip club

BY FOSTER KLUG

The Associated Press

**BALTIMORE** — About a block from Camden Yards, Baltimore's charmingly retro ballpark, sits a gaudy strip club with a spiritual connection to Babe Ruth — and not just because the Bambino was a major-league boozier and skirt-chaser.

Ruth once owned and lived in the three-story building at 38 S. Eutaw St. and ran a bar there, making the site a precious physical reminder of Ruth in the city where he was born.

Now the owner of the strip club, the Goddess, is hoping the Ruth connection can save his business from the wrecking ball.

Baltimore has obtained legal authority to condemn the club and between 40 and 60 other properties to make room for a thriving entertainment corridor near Camden Yards. Goddess owner George Kritikos is working to have the building

nominated to the National Register of Historic Places and the city's Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, hoping the distinction will protect the place.

City officials say they have no immediate plans for the property. Sharon Grinnell, chief operating officer of Baltimore Development Corp., says that if the building is given historic recognition, "we would respect that. But we still might want to acquire the property in order for it to be part of a larger development."

Long before the strippers moved in, the bar was known as Ruth's Cafe. Ruth, whose statue at Camden Yards can be seen from the strip club's front door, bought the building after he helped the Boston Red Sox win the 1915 World Series. During the offseason, he lived in the building, tending bar with his father and teaching neighborhood kids how to box in a back room.

A yellowing photograph a few



feet from the strip club's stage provides a glimpse into Ruth's life during those times. The photo shows Ruth and his father dressed in striped shirts, neckties and white aprons, the bar festooned with ribbons and streamers.

Michael Gibbons, executive director of Baltimore's Babe Ruth Museum, recommends the building to "baseball pilgrims on their

Babe Ruth trail."

"You don't have to go inside for it to be important," he says. "People can show up and point to it and say, 'Babe Ruth bought that bar for his dad.'"

The 40-year-old Kritikos staked his life savings to buy and renovate the club. He acquired the club eight years ago for \$450,000 and says he has spent \$300,000 renovat-

An undated photograph of Ruth's Cafe, located at 38 South Eutaw Street in Baltimore. Standing behind the bar, far right, is baseball great George Herman "Babe" Ruth Jr., with his father George Herman Ruth Sr., second from right. The City of Baltimore has obtained legal authority to condemn the bar, now the Goddess strip club, and between 40-60 other properties in west Baltimore.

COURTESY OF THE BABE RUTH MUSEUM

ing the building.

"Everything we did in our life is riding here," says Kritikos, a Greek immigrant who came to America at 16. "I came here with no language, no education, ready to do anything I can and believing in the American dream. For them to come and tell us, thank you very much, we'll take it from here? It doesn't seem right."

# Team roping steers into Virginia horse country

BY JASON UKMAN

The Washington Post

**ALDIE, Va.** — Faeed Miran's dusty riding arena, on a farm in an area of Virginia known for fox hunting and other genteel equestrian pursuits, the whoosh, whoosh, of a rope whipping through the air was the sound of a cowboy.

Miran, 33, was on a caramel-colored horse, chasing a steer, a lasso spinning high above his wide-brimmed hat. Ahead of him, his partner, Dickie Kirk, urged his own horse on until he was close enough to toss his rope around the steer's horns and pull it taut.

Miran drew up behind and cast a fine little loop that snared the steer's hind legs.

Just like that, the steer was caught and the run was over. Nine seconds maybe, 11 tops.

On the plains of Texas or Oklahoma, it would be commonplace to see riders practicing team roping, a rough-and-tumble sport that has its origins on ranches where such skills are needed to catch cattle for branding or doctoring. But in Aldie, just south of Leesburg, Miran is something of an anomaly.

Miran, who was born in Afghanistan and moved to Arlington with his family in 1977, doesn't much go for the more polished horse sports favored by many of his neighbors. He prefers the intensity of roping.

"I guess every little boy wants to be a cowboy," he said.

These days, however, roping isn't reserved for cowboys. When he's not on the road competing, Miran spends much of his time on his 100-acre farm, a family operation also run by his wife and his mother,

teaching novices and families to rope for fun.

At Miran's farm, the Mexican cattle and Texas longhorns have been conditioned to do their part with the help of two dogs, Tequila and Diesel, who nip at the steers' hooves until they cross the arena at the beginning of each practice session.

Ropers say they aim for the horns, which are covered by nylon and cotton wraps to prevent rope burn. Roping the neck is legal but not preferred, partly because riders have more control of the steer with its horns and partly because riders say they don't want to harm the animal. Each steer costs about \$500, Miran points out.

"You can't afford to hurt one (or) lose one," he said.

Miran, who has the husky frame of the Loudoun County High School football play-

er he once was, took up roping after he visited Texas in the mid-1990s and saw ropers at a Fort Worth stockyard. He had spent part of his childhood on his grandfather's farm in Kabul, and his father, after settling in Arlington, moved the family to Aldie in 1984 because he, too, wanted a farm.

After Miran returned from Texas, he took lessons from a friend of his father's, then largely taught himself, watching videotapes of competitions to see how others did it, roping the fake steer head, training his horses to follow a donkey — which, given its slow speed, was easier to rope — before graduating to a real steer.

After a particularly good weekend of competition, he took home \$10,000. But he loses money, too. The entry fee for each run can be as high as \$100, and he recently made 16 runs in a single competition.

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# 'So many warning signs in my past'

## Amy Fisher autobiography to hit stores in September

BY FRANK ELTMAN  
The Associated Press

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — Amy Fisher, the former gun-toting teenager who spent seven years in prison for shooting her lover's wife in the face, has an autobiography called "If I Knew Then..." due out in September.

Fisher, who turns 30 in two weeks, is now married and raising a young son in an undisclosed Long Island community, her co-author, Robbie Woliver, said Thursday.

Woliver is also the editor-in-chief of "The Long Island Press," a free weekly that has featured Fisher as a columnist for the past several years.

Fisher was released from prison in 1999 after serving seven years for shooting Mary Jo Buttafuoco in the head during a con-

frontation outside Buttafuoco's Massapequa home.

Fisher was having an affair with Buttafuoco's auto mechanic husband at the time.

The Buttafuocos have since moved to California and are no longer married.

The \$15.95 paperback, being published by Barnes & Noble-owned iUniverse, starts with Fisher's troubled childhood, details her relationship with Buttafuoco, her prison time and her life and rehabilitation in the past five years.

In an excerpt, Fisher writes, "There were so many warning signs in my past. I am hoping that by reflecting on and writing about my life, some of it very painful, I can help stop others from getting into the same kind of trouble."

She also provides a warning to kids and parents, saying, "I did



**Amy Fisher, who gained notoriety as a teenager when she shot her lover's wife in the face, covers her troubled childhood, discusses her time in prison and her relationship with Joe Buttafuoco, in her book.**

these stupid things, and I'm here to tell you, this is what you should watch out for."

A spokeswoman said Fisher will earn an undisclosed "cut" from the book, but proceeds are also going to several organizations such as Million Mom March, Amnesty International American prison projects, the Legal Aid Society's Prisoners Rights Project and various local domestic abuse shelters.

# Carmen Electra is ready to party in Playboy video game

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carmen Electra will R.S.V.P. for your party if you push the right buttons.

Average Joes and Janes will be able to digitally mingle among celebs such as Electra and Tom Arnold when the "Playboy: The Mansion" video game hits stores this winter.

"I am very excited about my cameo in this game," Electra said in a statement Tuesday. "I look forward to seeing myself at many of the incredible parties that gamers will throw in their virtual Playboy mansions."

In the game, players don the pajamas of Playboy impresario Hugh Hefner and are given the task of building the Playboy empire by developing contacts, keeping the bunnies happy, selling magazines and, of course, throwing lavish parties.

Featured celebrities include magician David Copperfield and retired baseball star Jose Canseco. But gamers shouldn't expect to have their way with the stars.

"There are some things some celebrities won't do," senior developer Brenda Brathwaite told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Real-life VIPs featured in the game were given the option of which Playboy mansion activities their virtual counterparts would do.

Arnold's character, for example, is only programmed to play sports and smoke cigars, according to senior producer



Eric Marcoulier. But Sum 41 guitarist Dave Naksh's digital clone will "play sports, drink, get drunk, make out and have sex with women, smoke cigars, but he won't jump on the trampoline."

"Playboy" gamers looking to become anyone other than Hefner will be disappointed.

"The player is always 'He,'" said Playboy publicist Lorna Donohoe.



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## RELIGION

# Kabbalah takes a star-crossed turn

BY HELEN T. GRAY  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Madonna's doing it. Britney's doing it. And a host of other celebrities are doing it.

They're studying Kabbalah. Delving into the topic of Jewish mysticism brought warnings from scholars: Kabbalah is complex and only for the spiritually mature. But with celebrities like Demi Moore and Gwyneth Paltrow flocking to Kabbalah centers and sporting red-string bracelets as a sign of their newfound interest, the question is a natural: What is Kabbalah?

Traditionally the study of Kabbalah has been reserved for the most learned and pious, not the masses. Jews could not even begin studying it until they were 40 years old.

There is no simple definition of Kabbalah, "said Eliot Wolfson, professor of Hebrew and Judaic studies at New York University and a leading scholar of Kabbalah. "The word means 'tradition,' and from some time in the Middle Ages, the term began to be used to refer to secrets about the divine nature, the cosmos and the human soul or, principally, the soul of the Jew."

"Kabbalah relates both to esoteric wisdom and contemplative practices that facilitate communion and sometimes even union of the individual and God."

Kabbalah literally means "reception," which is synonymous with the word "tradition" in Hebrew, said professor Hava Tirosh-Samuelson of Arizona State University, who studies the relationship between philosophy and Kabbalah. It refers to receiving the inner, hidden or esoteric meaning of divine revelation, she said.

It is closely aligned with the traditional, Orthodox form of Judaism, said Pinchas Giller, professor of Judaism in Bel-Air, Calif., and an expert on Kabbalah.

There are meditative and magical practices, but the main application is to provide a layer of deeper meaning for observing the traditional Jewish commandments," he said.

Practices also include special focus when reciting prayers on colors that correspond to specific powers of the divine, Wolfson said.

## Popular version more New Age than traditional



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Madonna was one of the first celebrities to extol the practice of Kabbalah, an ancient form of Jewish mysticism that traditionally was so complex that Jews could not begin studying it until they were 40 years old.

The ideas and teachings of Kabbalah go back 2,000 years and were orally transmitted, Giller said.

"It became a written tradition in the late 12th century and flourished in the 13th century in Spain," Tirosh-Samuelson said. "Several Kabbalistic schools developed concurrently, but the most influential one was the school that produced the magnum opus of Kabbalah, Sefer ha-Zohar (The Book of Enlightenment)."

"The Zohar can be described as a mystical commentary on many sections of the Torah, or the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. It deals with five theological issues, said Jim Wallis in "The Religion Book": the nature of God, the creation of the Universe, the destiny of humanity, the nature of evil and the meaning of the Bible.

To study Kabbalah involves primarily to study the Zohar, Tirosh-Samuelson said.

"Torah deals with the physical and with this world," said Rabbi Mendy Weinberg of Chabad House Center. "It does not generally discuss things that don't apply to our daily service of God in the here and now. Kabbalah, on the other hand, looks at the spiritual reasons and outcomes of our actions."

"Torah is called the 'body,' and Kabbalah is called the 'soul.' Kabbalah also teaches us about God and creation as well as our souls and our connection to God. By learning about our spiritual side we can affect our physical side."

While some are perplexed by celebrities' attraction to Kabbalah,

some scholars interviewed believe the attraction is rooted in the celebrities' needs and the teachings they receive from the Los Angeles center.

"I think that performing artists are attracted to the Kabbalah's im-

ages of struggle, the overcoming of impediments and the underlying instability of present-day existence," Giller said.

The present-day flourishing of Kabbalah has little to do with the tradition, but rather reflects the needs of spiritual seekers today, both Jews and non-Jews, Tirosh-Samuelson said. She sees three reasons for Kabbalah's present popularity:

■ It consists of a strong psychological emphasis since it concerns the pursuit of perfection and the spiritual transformation of the individual.

■ It is highly visual and employs the power of the imaginative. Kabbalah is highly artistic, and its teachings can be viewed as a kind of Jewish art, which takes place not in space, as Christian art, but in the privacy of the mind of the person who practices Kabbalah.

■ It has much to say about sexuality, both human and divine.

"The combination of the emotional, the imaginative and the sexual makes Kabbalah extremely attractive to artists, who are seeking new imagery or who are displeased with the shallowness and emptiness of American consumerist culture," she said.

Wolfson thinks Madonna and other celebrities have been misled.

"I suspect the celebrities are attracted because of the emptiness of American materialism," he said. A repackaged Kabbalah is treated

"as if it is a spiritual quick-fix. It is demeaning and does not honor the complexity of the tradition. It is like a sixth-grade teacher trying to make Einstein's theory of general relativity understandable to his or her students."



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# Portable sacraments bringing spiritual aid to troops in field

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — First came portable chapels, then portable altars. Now the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps has developed portable sacraments: communion wafers and wine or juice in a peel-and-serve package, no larger than the single-serve cheese spread and crackers packages in vending machines.

The Small Group Sacramental Packet is the Chaplain Corps' latest effort to bring spiritual aid to U.S. troops in the field, according to Chaplain John Wheatley, an Army major who with the Research Development and Engineering Command in the U.S. Army Soldier System Center — Natick, in Massachusetts.

One of the duties of chaplains in the field is to offer Christians the Eucharist, often called the "Holy Communion" or simply, "Communion."

The packets contain the two elements necessary for the communion ceremony: unleavened bread, or "the Host," and either wine or grape juice.

The grape juice is included because some Protestants eschew

alcohol, not because U.S. military chaplains are prohibited from bringing wine into Muslim countries, Wheatley said.

The pack is a divided plastic container, sealed with a peel-back plastic sheet.

One section holds about eight Communion wafers, and the other, either a few tablespoons of white wine, or the same amount of juice — just enough holy liquid to provide a tiny sip for eight communions.

A single pack is small and flexible enough to easily fit into the cargo pocket of a uniform pants or blouse. When it's time for a service, all a chaplain needs to do is to carefully peel off the top of the package, and the sacraments are ready to serve, Wheatley said.

"No matter where a chaplain and his troops may be, under any conditions," they can observe a Communion Mass, he said.

Based on comments they have received from showing the military religious community the prototype communion packet, the Chaplain Corps is now preparing to settle on a version that will then go into field trials "as soon as possible," Wheatley said.

Once enough samples have been manufactured, they will be distributed to chaplains working in "both training environments and in real-world deployment settings," so the testers can see whether the "technology and packing concepts support the chaplains' requirements," Wheatley said.

In addition to the communion packs, the Chaplain Corps is also developing new "Soldier Spiritual Readiness Packets" that are standardized for Protestant, Roman Catholic, Judaism, Islam "and possibly other faith groups as needed," Wheatley said.

Each unit comes packaged in a small waterproof, resealable tan plastic sack that can fit in a trouser cargo pocket, allowing "the individual Soldier to keep and protect those religious items they use to sustain their spiritual lives," Wheatley said.

The Chaplain Corps has yet to set a schedule to begin handing out the packages, but when they become available, the items will be distributed at the request of the soldier, and by chaplains in both training and deployment settings, Wheatley said.

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# Band's book sends a message of hope

BY BRIAN BOWERS

Stars and Stripes

One simple song can influence people in incredible ways.

That's the message in MercyMe's new book "I Can Only Imagine: Stories of Eternal Hope."

After its song about meeting God in heaven exploded onto mainstream radio last year, the rock/worship band decided to compile some of the messages it had received from fans. The resulting book is packed with emotional tales of how "I Can Only Imagine" encouraged listeners struggling to cope with devastating loss.

It also includes a copy of the song on CD.

Bart Millard, MercyMe's frontman, wrote the Dove Award-winning song while coping with the loss of his father to cancer. As he mentions in the book, "I think the song has evolved. The first few years were for me, to help me heal. Now it's for everyone else."

The messages generally are brief, one-page items. However, two pages are devoted to one correspondent: Lt. Col. Joseph Piek, public affairs officer for the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, currently in Mosul, Iraq.

In a message from February, Piek tells of comforting a soldier whose friend was the first member of the Stryker Brigade Combat Team killed by enemy action. For his own comfort, Piek then turned to "I Can Only Imagine," listening to the song "until the bat-

teries ran out in my CD player." Members of MercyMe — who are known for their support of servicemen — sent boxes of CDs to be distributed to the soldiers in Mosul.

Piek recently said he got hooked on the song while listening to KCMSS Spirit 105.3 in Seattle with his family.

"Will I dance for You Jesus? Or in a Word of You be still. Will I stand in Your presence? Or to my knees will I fall."

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What awesome words," he said via e-mail from Mosul.

"But the song took on a whole new meaning for me when I deployed to Iraq. I have wonderful friends here, but I needed to feel close to Jesus in order to see through to the end of some very long days."

*Members of MercyMe — who are known for their support of servicemen — sent boxes of CDs to be distributed to the soldiers in Mosul.*

"I Can Only Imagine" helped me focus on Jesus, and I imagined myself in His Presence ... He walks with me as I walk across our compound at night, and I talk to Him as though He were walking beside me."

The song continues to have a presence on Piek's base. "We have a young private first class

named David Chovan, who sings for all he's worth. He sings 'I Can Only Imagine' at church with such conviction it's as though Bart Millard were there himself," he said.

On the Web: [www.mercyme.org](http://www.mercyme.org).

Today's Praise is a roundup of news and reviews from the contemporary Christian music industry. It appears twice a month on the Religion page.

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## FACES 'N' PLACES

## His religion is back

## R.E.M. singer Stipe tackles faith on film

BY PHOEBE FLOWERS  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

**M**ichael Stipe is best known as the lead singer of the enduring, ever-evolving rock band R.E.M., which in turn is best known for the 13-year-old hit song "Losing My Religion."

Now, in the first of three movies he produced that will be released this year, Stipe is again tackling the subject of faith.

In "Saved!," a barbed comedy set at a Christian high school that opened in the States recently, an idealistic teenage girl named Mary (Jena Malone) is forced to question her beliefs when her "perfect Christian boyfriend" (Chad Faust) confesses he might be gay.

One of the most interesting things about "Saved!," the debut of writer-director Brian Dannelly, is that it is ultimately a straightforward high school movie. And Stipe, who also served as a producer on films including "Being John Malkovich" and "Our Song," confesses that was part of what drew him to the script.

"The industry of film is one that's not very open to new ideas," Stipe, 44, said during a recent interview in a North Miami recording studio, where he is putting finishing touches on the forthcoming R.E.M. album.

"Part of my attraction as a producer to this film is it does shoot right down the middle. It's a genre of film that we all know; it climaxes at the senior prom. I mean, it is that high school movie. I think what makes it different is, number one, it's very, very funny, like 'Fast Times at Ridgemont High' or like 'Heathers.' But it's set in a Christian high school, and it's taking on a couple of things that some of those other films maybe touched on or maybe ignored altogether, but things that ... are questions that



Michael Stipe of R.E.M. performs at the annual San Diego Street Scene in California.

KRT photos

each of us has to face at some point."

Despite the fears of mockery that many Christians may have had upon learning of the subject matter, "Saved!" is actually a fairly balanced portrayal of the faith, ultimately preaching tolerance and kindness.

But not everyone feels that way. The

deeply conservative Jerry Falwell blasted the movie, which he had yet to see, on CNN, hopefully predicting that it would "crash and burn." Christian Film & Television Commission founder Ted Baehr derided it as "a sad, bigoted, anti-Christian movie."

On the other hand, the publication Christianity Today, while griping that some of the characters are excessively two-dimensional, does allow that "the movie is ultimately pro-faith and does make some perceptive criticisms of evangelicals."

Regardless of your feelings about the movie, Stipe, who says he "comes from a long line of Methodist ministers," is optimistic that "Saved!" will get people talking and "create a little bit of a dialogue be-

tween people who are very extreme in their faith and people who just have faith. Or don't have faith."

So far, audiences seem to be responding. After a few weeks of limited release and a single day of wide release, "Saved!" had raked in an estimated \$2.14 million — nearly half its production budget.

Certainly, in a year in which Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" has blown away the box office, so far grossing an astounding \$370 million (and another \$238 million overseas), the culture is ripe for movies addressing the always-incendiary topic of faith.

Stipe — who, despite his Methodist background, has been identified as an atheist by Dannelly — credits "The Passion" with providing "this climate where belief-based films are more acceptable."

Consider that in the past few years, the closest thing we've had to a thoughtful look at religion was the Jim Carrey comedy "Bruce Almighty," or the far-from-mainstream, apocalypse-themed "Left Behind" series of books.

## Lil' extra time for Lil' Kim

A federal judge in New York on Wednesday postponed the trial of rapper Lil' Kim on charges she lied to a grand jury to give her lawyers more time to review the prosecution's evidence.

Prosecutors objected to the delay from November to Feb. 28. The rapper, whose real name is Kimberly Jones, is charged with conspiracy, perjury and obstruction.

Prosecutors have accused Jones of lying to a grand jury investigating a 2001 shooting allegedly involving members of her entourage. One man from a rival rap group was injured.

Jones' former manager and co-defendant, Damon Butler, has been indicted for allegedly shooting a weapon during the incident. Jones is accused of telling the grand jury that Butler was not present.



Lil' Kim

## Rappers go jail for arts' sake

Lil' Wayne taped a music video at the closed 108-year-old Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield, which has become a popular backdrop for videos and movies.

About 30 teens showed up Tuesday for a glimpse of the 21-year-old rapper during taping for the song "Go DJ" from his album "The Carter."

The Mansfield Reformatory Preservation Society charged Lil' Wayne about \$2,000 for the use of the west cell block, which has five tiers and 250 cells. The group needs \$10 million to \$20 million to renovate the site, society administrator Ed Meehin said.

The prison was used in the filming of 1994's "The Shawshank Redemption."

Several years later, it appeared as a Russian prison in the movie "Air Force One." Two other films and a 2000 music video for the group Godsmack also were made at the prison. Besides regular tours of the site, the society offers a "Hollywood" tour where they point out movie props and sites where famous scenes were filmed.

The prison, which closed in 1990, was built as a reformatory.

## J.Lo love life: Take two

"J.Lo, Phase Two" isn't a new summer movie — it's a state of mind for the actress.

"I feel like this is my phase two, like it's a new beginning," Jennifer Lopez tells *Time* magazine in its August issue. "Like everything I did before, really doesn't matter."

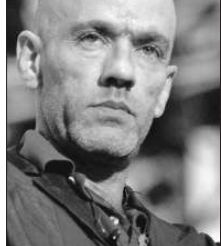
After two failed marriages and her much publicized romances with Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and Ben Affleck, the 34-year-old pop star seems intent on not leaving a trail of glitter (and gossip) wherever she goes.

"Maybe I was a little bit careless in the past," she says. "I'm not a perfect person. I make mistakes. I just feel like I'm in a better place now than I am. I follow my heart. That's the one thing I can say about myself. And I love that about myself."

From wire reports



Lopez



Michael Stipe, the lead singer of the rock band R.E.M., is producing three movies in which the subject of faith is addressed.

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**Q** During Ronald Reagan's funeral, I thought about another movie star who has gone into politics: How is Arnold Schwarzenegger doing in his role as governor of California? — Maxine Thomson, Detroit

**A** According to our soundings in the Golden State, the Governor is getting excellent reviews in his new job. There's even talk of amending the U.S. Constitution so the foreign-born Schwarzenegger, 57, could run for president. Readers: Let us know if you think such an amendment is a good idea.

**Q** What can you tell me about the sensational young actress who stars with Kate Hudson in "Raising Helen"? — John Nathan, Chester, Pa.

**A** She's Hayden Panettiere, 14, who earned raves in "Remember the Titans" and as Calista Flockhart's daughter on "Ally McBeal." You can see her in the Disney Channel movie "Tiger Cruise." She also has three film roles lined up: as a girl caught between heaven and earth in "The Dust Factory"; as an aspiring jockey in "Racing Stripes"; and as a skater in "The Ice Princess."



Jerry Orbach

**Q** Who's replacing Jerry Orbach on NBC's "Law & Order"? — Mary Jo S., Madison, Wis.

**A** Dennis Farina, 60, who starred on TV in "Crime Story" and "Buddy Faro," will be Jesse L. Martin's new partner on "Law & Order" in the fall. No one can fill Orbach's loafers, so Farina is working with the show's writers and its creator, Dick Wolf, to develop his own complex character.

**Q** Lauren Manning, a senior VP at Cantor Fitzgerald, was burned over 82 percent of her body in the World Trade Center attack. Her husband wrote a book about her recovery called "Love, Greg & Lauren." How is she doing? — Joan Jacobson, Waukesha, Wis.

**A** After three months in the hospital, followed by rehab and more than 20 surgeries, Lauren, 43, is home with her husband and son, Tyler, 3. She undergoes daily physical and occupational therapy but still hasn't returned to work. Lauren recently took part in the Olympic torch relay in New York City.

**Q** I've always been a big fan of '40s leading man Van Johnson. What is he doing now? — Helen Cole, Lakeport, Calif.

**A** "Still breathing," the 87-year-old actor tells us. Best known for war films like "Battleground" and musicals like "In the Good Old Summertime" (both 1949), Johnson left Hollywood in the 1960s. He now lives in Nyack, N.Y. Johnson spends his days painting, walking and visiting old friends. He toured with Kathryn Grayson, 82, a few years back in "Love Letters" and says he's still open to acting offers.

**Q** Billy Bob Thornton looked different — and younger — on a recent awards show. Who's responsible for his extreme makeover? — Lou Walter, Roswell, Ga.

**A** Billy Bob, 48, likes to change his appearance for each film, and the new look was for his role as a Texas football coach in "Friday Night Lights," due out in October. As for looking



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Billy Bob Thornton shows a tattoo of the Alamo to a reporter as he arrives for a premiere of the movie "The Alamo" in San Antonio, Texas, in March. The actor has a new love — and a new baby on the way.



AP

Michael Phelps comes up for air during the Men's 200 Meter Butterfly at the U.S. Olympic swim trials in Long Beach, Calif., earlier this month. Phelps has a chance of winning more than seven gold medals in Athens.

younger, we attribute it to love. The five-times-divorced actor has a new girlfriend — Connie Angland, 39, a special-effects technician — and a baby on the way. The child will be his fourth, her first.

**Q** At this month's Olympics in Athens, U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps may have a chance to surpass Mark Spitz's 1972 record of seven gold medals. Who could stand in his way? — David Boyd, Irving, Texas

**A** His teammate Ian Crocker, 21, who beat Phelps, 19, at last month's Olympic trials while setting a world record in the 100-meter butterfly. Australia's Ian Thorpe, 21, the record-holder in the 200-meter freestyle, also will be tough to beat.

**Q** Country singer Gretchen Wilson has been called an "overnight sensation." How long did it take her single "Redneck Woman" and her debut album, "Here for the Party," to get to the top of the charts? — Gladys Ricon, Ozone Park, N.Y.

**A** Gretchen's "overnight" success took a night long years.

**Q** My daughter says the wedding finale of "The O.C." was shot in a real church. I say it was a Hollywood set. Who's right? — Kathryn Hale, Dripping Springs, Texas

**A** Your daughter. Julie of "The O.C." was wed in The Wayfarers Chapel in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. Designed by Lloyd Wright, son of the architectural icon, it was built by the Swedenborgian Church. It also was used in the film "Innerspace." Visit [www.parade.com](http://www.parade.com) for some views.

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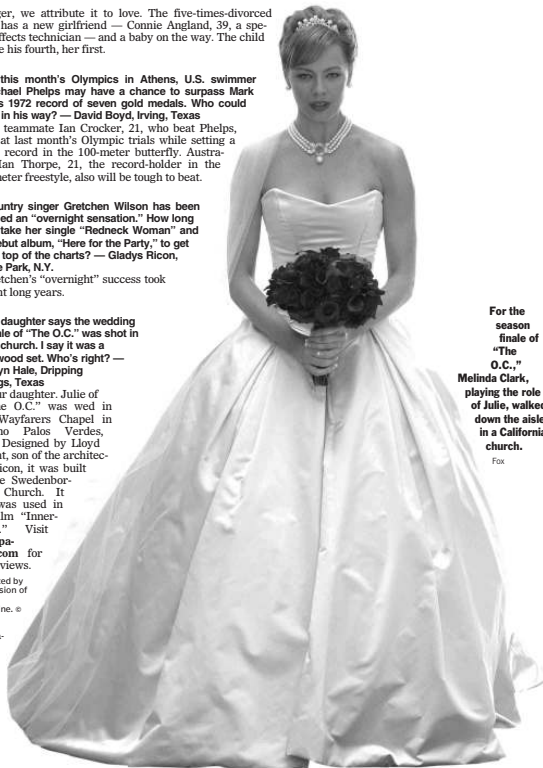
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For the season finale of "The O.C.,"

Melinda Clark, playing the role of Julie, walked down the aisle in a California church.

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## Triple-dog dare

**NE** SCOTTSBLUFF — Two men who were arrested for walking through a Wal-Mart while wearing women's thong underwear blamed the stunt on a "triple-dog dare," authorities said.

The men, ages 35 and 36, bought two pair of underwear at the store Tuesday, went into a bathroom and came out wearing only the thongs and T-shirts, police said.

Witnesses said the men walked through the store and out to their car. Police caught the men in the parking lot.

When asked why they were wearing thong underwear, one of the men said a friend "triple-dog dared" them. They will not be prosecuted, authorities said.

## Sweet reward soups

**MO** KANSAS CITY — Kansas City police have taken a liking for a new program that rewards motorists who drive safely by stopping them for their good deeds and coupons for free ice cream.

Sgt. Don Jantzen of the North Patrol Division said residents expressed concerns about the program and the department's legal counsel advised officers to stop it. He said the division commander will revamp it and come up with a new approach within two weeks.

Paula Talley was rewarded Monday for wearing her seat belt and yielding to traffic. She said she was afraid being stopped would make her late for work, although she made it on time.

"My job probably wouldn't have cared about free ice cream," she said.

## Money laundering

**GA** COLUMBUS — City officials had to launder some money after a backhoe operator paid \$46,000 while moving garbage at a landfill.

They tried to clean the gross greenbacks so the money could be deposited in a bank. But after the police were notified, police Lt. Gil Slouchick said the money was counted and stored at the Columbus Police Department.

Police said they were not immediately able to determine where the money came from, but after 90 days it becomes abandoned property and the city may be eligible to claim it.

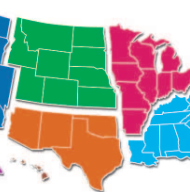
"It was found buried in garbage that had been there for some time," Deputy City Manager Tsai-Hugley said Tuesday. "It had been there for a number of years."

## Fire extinguisher stinks

**WA** FERDALE — Crews fighting a blaze in a three-acre mature lagoon Wednesday smothered the flames with more of the same — a blanket of wet cow manure.

The cause of the fire was not known. It started Sunday in brush growing on the crust of manure, wood chips and barn shavings on the surface of the lagoon, which is 24 feet deep.

After working with water and foam, crews began spraying the wet manure on Tuesday. Another blower was applied on Wednesday and Assistant Fire Chief Larry Hoffman said the fire appeared to be "98-99 percent" out.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Hoffman received an earful of complaints about the smoke and odor as the fire burned on a dairy farm outside Ferndale, about 100 miles north of Seattle.

"We're not the most popular department in town," he said.

## Must protect mice?

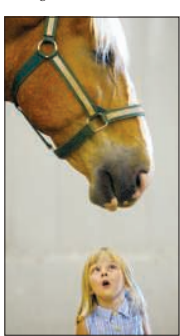
**FL** TALLAHASSEE — The federal agency government has just over two years to reconsider its refusal to designate critical habitat to protect hundreds of endangered nocturnal beach mice found only on a Florida Panhandle peninsula.

Senior U.S. District Judge William Stafford issued an order Tuesday that could eventually lead to placing habitat for the St. Andrew beach mouse off-limits to human use.

An estimated 300 to 500 of the mice live in dunes mostly in the St. Joseph Peninsula State Park on Cape San Blas, a remote sand spit about 80 miles southwest of Tallahassee.

## Reporting underage sex

**KS** WICHITA — A federal judge ruled Monday that doctors, nurses and other health care professionals in Kansas cannot be forced to report instances of underage sex to authorities.



Makenzi Yoder, 4, takes a close look at a 6-year-old Belgian draft horse, Master Kic, at the 2004 American Royal Kids Agriculture Learning Fest in Kansas City, Mo. Makenzi owns a mule that also is on display at the fest.

U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten issued a preliminary injunction blocking Kansas Attorney General Patrick Kline's interpretation of a state law.

Sex involving someone under 16 is illegal in Kansas, even if it involves willing same-age partners. Last July, Kline said the 1982 law requires doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, social workers and others to report such illegal underage sex to law enforcement officials or the state.

The Center for Reproductive Rights, a New York advocacy group, argued that such a requirement would discourage young people from seeking counseling or medical treatment, including abortions.

The judge sided with the advocacy group.

## Record budget OK'd

**IL** SPRINGFIELD — Illinois lawmakers adopted a \$45.5 billion state budget Saturday, 54 days into a record-breaking over two-year legislative session and three weeks after the start of the fiscal year.

The new budget, which erased a multibillion-dollar deficit, increased spending on education and health care but provided for across the board cuts elsewhere by as much as 4 percent.

Officials hope to bring in \$150 million by ending some corporate tax breaks, \$260 million by taking "surplus" money from accounts for special state government programs, \$225 million by changing the same funds administrative fees; and \$35 million in new fees and fines for businesses, convictions and other activities.

## Soundproofing by airport

**NH** MANCHESTER — About 80 more homes near Manchester's airport will be soundproofed with \$2.5 million in new federal grants, federal transportation and local airport officials said.

About 700 homes are on a waiting list for the aid, but the streets that will benefit haven't been chosen yet, officials said.

Homes near the airport usually cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to soundproof. Federal funds usually pay about 90 percent of the cost, while the airport and state pay the rest.

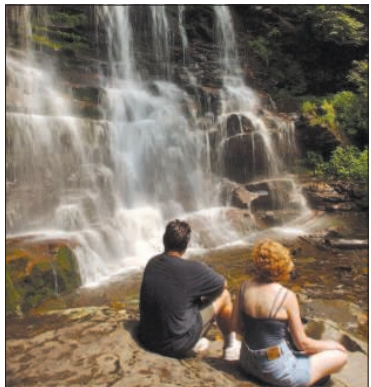
The money is part of \$11.5 million in federal funding coming to the airport. The remaining cash will help offset the cost of runway and safety upgrades, as well as bankrupt an upcoming property purchase.

## Teams drop out

**OH** CLEVELAND — Problems with obtaining visas have forced cities in Cameroon, Iraq, Nigeria and the Philippines to drop plans to send teams to the upcoming International Children's Games.

About 50 athletes and coaches will not be able to attend the multi-sport competition, which opens Friday and is being held in the United States for the first time since it was founded in 1968.

"It's disappointing, especially because a lot of the paperwork was already in," said David Gilbert, president of the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, which is organizing the games. "With the current world situation, it's sometimes difficult to get visas."



## Wondrous waterfall

Rich and Pauline Kanter sit at the base of the 94-foot Ganoga Falls in Ricketts Glen State Park in Pennsylvania. Ganoga Falls is the largest waterfall in the park. A confluence of creeks running down the Allegheny Front Trail make for almost two dozen waterfalls at Ricketts Glen.



## It's a dog's life

Basie, the Steger family's golden retriever, wet from romping in Lake Michigan and covered in sand, snuggles next to a sunbathing Michele Steger of Racine, as the family spends the late morning hours sunbathing at North Beach Park in Racine, Wis.



## Getting ready for the big top

Dutchess, a 33-year-old Asian elephant, gets a wash from handler Duane Ploof before the 50th annual Birak Shrine Circus with George Carac Circus International at the West Otter Tail Fairgrounds in Fergus Falls, Minn.





**Hair-slinging water fight** Danielle Damone, 13, right, flips her hair after dunking her head in a water bucket while Chris Stage, 13, left, stands back during a water gun fight at the X-treme Teen Adventure Camp in Jensen Beach, Fla. The summer day camp includes snorkeling, digital photography, horseback riding, sailing and windsurfing.



**Rolling along** Ms. Nebraska, Penny Silvius, smiles as she wheels her way down 5th Street in Richmond, Va., during a parade that is part of the Ms. Wheelchair America program.



**A study in cheese** Josette Yammias, left, and Candace Owens taste different cheeses at the 21st annual American Cheese Society Conference in Milwaukee.

## Debris-burning dangers

**NH** CONCORD — The towns of Hopkinton and Henniker may join forces to oppose a plan to burn construction debris at a plant on Route 127.

Residents have said they're concerned the debris could be coated in lead paint or other toxic material and cause pollution.

Hopkinton residents have opposed the plan for about one year.

That town's leaders met with their Henniker counterparts this week and discussed the issue.

A company named Bio Energy would run the debris-burning plant.

Bio Energy has received state permission to emit 2.6 tons of lead into the air annually.

The permit is facing a legal challenge. Arguments in a lawsuit over whether the company's state permits override its town permits are scheduled for September in state Supreme Court.

## Money for mentally ill

**NV** CARSON CITY — The state Board of Examiners plans a special meeting Friday to vote on an emergency \$2 million appropriation for a temporary 30-bed psychiatric hospital in Las Vegas to handle mentally ill people now crowding hospital emergency rooms. Officials say the funds will cover operating costs from Aug. 1 until February when the Legislature convenes.

## Trial for swim suit set

**TX** BRENHAM — Trial has been set for November in a lawsuit filed by a Brenham woman who contends her civil rights were violated when she was booted from a city-run swimming pool after she balked at getting into the water to supervise her then 5-year-old grandson.

Lifeguards at Brenham's Blue Bell Aquatic Center told Donna Martin she'd have help her grandson because he wasn't a good enough swimmer. Pool rules said a parent or guardian had to supervise children under 10 although the rules didn't specify the older person physically had to be in the water.

Martin refused repeated requests by lifeguards to get into the water and the dispute escalated to the point where police had to be summoned to escort her away.

In her suit, set to be heard Nov. 24 in U.S. District Court in Austin, Martin contends the ouster during the July 2002 incident, plus a 180-day ban from the pool, violated her civil rights. Pool officials contend they were concerned with the child's safety. The city and two pool officials are defendants in the suit.

## City loses dot-com

**GA** MARIETTA — The city of Marietta hoped to get in on the Internet boom when it launched its own company eight years ago.

Now, the city is selling its Fiber-Net at a loss of about \$24 million.

The Board of Lights and Water and the City Council were expected to vote Thursday to approve the sale to American Fiber Systems of Rochester, N.Y., for \$11.2 million — a figure that's expected to decrease once adjustments are made before closing the deal, which is

scheduled for Aug. 31.

FiberNet has about 180 customers along 210 miles of fiber-optic cable stretching from Kennesaw to Alpharetta and into Atlanta, which is just south of the Chattahoochee River from Marietta.

The city has poured about \$35 million into building and maintaining the system since 1996.

## Museum missing money

**NY** NEW YORK — Two employees have been charged with stealing \$880,000 in cash over 2½ years from the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Manhattan district attorney's office said Thursday.

Nafeem Wahlah, 29, manager of visitor services, allegedly stole \$850,000 by voiding ticket sales and pocketing the money.

Investigators allegedly found \$880,000 in her Brooklyn home, prosecutors said.

Rowan Foley, 24, of Queens, allegedly stole \$30,000 the same way.

The investigation began after Foley told museum officials that he suspected Wahlah, his boss, was stealing money.

In June, private investigators set up two hidden cameras behind the ticket-selling counter and one in a room where visitors' services employees counted the day's receipts.

## Box bombers busted

**WV** MARTINSBURG — Two men accused of detonating a homemade bomb inside a newspaper street box did not get far before they were caught. Police Chief Ted Anderson was at a nearby residence when the explosion occurred.

Anderson heard the Wednesday night explosion and went to the scene, where he saw smoke coming out of one of The Journal's boxes and a vehicle heaving, he said Thursday.

Anderson gave chase and captured the suspects several blocks away. Inside the vehicle, he found a plastic soda bottle filled with a substance that police believe was gunpowder. The top was wrapped with duct tape.

Dustin Wayne Stout, 24, who has no fixed address, was charged with criminal use of a destructive device, explosive material or incendiary device. Andrew Lee Pauley, 18, of Martinsburg was charged with possession of a destructive device.

## Roadside-hunting fines

**VT** MONTPELIER — The Department of Fish and Wildlife will issue stiffer penalties this fall for hunters who shoot deer from the road or from vehicles.

The maximum fine will increase from \$50 and a one-year loss of hunting and fishing license to \$1,000.

Sportsmen said they expect the fine increases — which apply to road or vehicle shooting of all wildlife — to be well received by law-abiding hunters.

"The only ones who expressed resistance are the ones who break the law," said Clint Gray, northern vice president of the Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

The fine increase "elevates it to the offense that it is," he said. "Before it was just a slap on the wrist."

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## BY TROY HARDWICK

In response to Mike Kozlowski's July 24 letter ("Tighten motorists' rules, too"), I will agree that he has expressed a valid point. Being an experienced rider and having a grant of "special" rules and regulations thrown at you just because you ride a motorcycle sometimes seems biased and unfair. I have broken down this response into separate paragraphs dealing with some of Mike's, and my, concerns.

## Equipment and reflective vests

Looking back, I am, as are many of us, of the opinion that the reflective gear has proven to be of little, if any, benefit, and at times, more of a hindrance than help. The majority of us, I suspect, ride during daylight hours, in which the reflective part really does not come into effect. I guess it's true to point out that the big orange panel catches your eye, but so does my motorcycle, which is much bigger, louder and pure red. If U.S. Forces Japan/U.S. Forces Korea were to implement a safety guideline for every passenger-vehicle driver to paint an orange reflective stripe on or around his vehicle, I guarantee there would be a mass of complaints and even more "I doesn't" noncompliance.

Sorry it doesn't look good, but it is for your safety! It is an answer that would not fly if all personal vehicles had to be marked. Not to mention the owner having to come out of pocket for the "required" equipment. The vests were ever issued? I doubt it, but the prices for the equipment Mike mentioned in his letter were a pretty sad and average estimate. My helmet was more than \$400, full-one-piece leather at \$1,200, boots at \$125, gloves at \$80, and a spine protector at \$50 bring just equipment costs to more than \$1,850 (and this isn't even the top of the line). I think I take caution enough with wearing some of the best equipment, but riding a \$18,000 bike also encourages me to watch out for those bigger, heavier vehicles around me.

Also, if the reflective vests are required for motorcyclists, then they need to be equal-enforced just as strictly for bicyclists,

walkers and joggers (with strollers and children) who venture out onto the same playing field (the road) as passenger vehicles.

## Training and experience

I, too, am a rider with more than 27 years' riding experience, both on the dirt and the road, a former AMA/CSC expert "white plate" roadracer and, most of all, a Motorcycle Safety Foundation basic and advanced rider course grad. I ride at least weekly and happen to be one of the people on Okinawa who has to attend the autopsies of deceased soldiers — some of them, unfortunately, being motorcyclists. I think Mike realizes why we wear the gear and the intent behind it, as we all should, but never have I been asked, nor have I heard of any meeting calling, to bring together our experienced riders and suggest fixes to the problems.

For example, for many years I have been of the opinion that the United States needed to adopt a size/horsepower limit pertaining to a rider's age and experience (as Germany does). I don't think that just because a person has \$15,000, that he should be able to walk into a bike shop and ride off on a 1300cc Harley or Suzuki Hayabusa without the necessary skills and experience to handle such a bike. I was happy to see the leadership on Okinawa take that step when they limited first-time riders to 600cc and below. In Germany you have to start with a 125cc for the first year, and then move up to a 250cc and so on. The people falling into that category might not like it, but hopefully they will come to understand and in turn, thank you later.

On another note, when, in turn, is no limit, or driver training, for high-performance cars or trucks. If I have the money, I can go purchase a high-performance, high-horsepower car any day of the week, but can I handle it? Evidently there is no such concern. I wonder if there are any statistics on speeding tickets and traffic accidents broken down by vehicle type and driver age? (USFJ/USFK-specific) Just a thought.

As an experienced rider, I tell everyone there are two types of riders; those who have gone down, and those who have. Experienced riders get cut off, pulled out in

front of and, from personal experience here and in South Korea, often found a turn to find a parked "Bongo" truck taking up half of the lane.

It's a lot about your experience level and training that will take you safely through those, and myriad other, hairy scenarios. Also, after you have been in the emergency room having someone scrub asphalt out of your scraped skin, the experience will either get you off a bike, or let you know you need to wear the proper equipment. To date, I have never been told, or had the feeling, that the reflective vest made a difference in my being seen. As Mike said, automobile drivers simply need to be more aware of their surroundings, which has to be a continual, conscious effort... myself included as a car driver. I've made the embarrassing mistake of changing lanes, only to find out the motorcycle (or scooter) was in my blind spot. And that was paying full attention to the road. ...

I invite all motorcyclists to chime in. The best way to resolve a situation is to stand up and be heard. Be safe out there.

Troy Hardwick works on Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

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## OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Keep past USDA bias in mind  
Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal

In 1999, the U.S. Department of Agriculture set a class-action lawsuit that alleged the agency discriminated against black farmers. At the time, President Clinton applauded the settlement as significant in the "ongoing efforts to rid the Agriculture Department of discriminatory behavior and redress any harm that has been caused by past discrimination against African-American family farmers."

The department agreed to make restitution, at a potential cost of about \$2.3 billion, to 94,000 claimants. So far, it has paid \$657 million to 13,151 claimants and forgiven an additional \$20 million in debts.

The USDA has spent \$12 million contesting individual claims. The slow processing of high rejection rates would be reasonable if it could be put down to caution on the agency's part to prevent fraud.

The record of bias that was the basis for the settlement does not permit giving the agency the benefit of the doubt.

Kerry's wife keeps press busy  
Los Angeles Times

Now comes Teresa Heinz Kerry, who (last) Sunday provided desperately needed grit for the mills of commentary at last week's Democratic convention by telling a journalist to "shove it."

Clearly there is something bigger going on here than we originally had hoped.

In the opinion of this editorial page, there is nothing to be gained by insulting an editorial writer — even one who makes his living insulting you. In fact, it's unconstitutional. Or it should be. This time, Kerry actually used three different weapons of rhetorical destruction. The day before "shove it," she accused unnamed opponents of "un-American traits." (Then she foolishly denied having said it.) "Un-American" is a uniquely American insult, and just the right thing for a political convention, where almost everything is declared to be uniquely American.

But Heinz Kerry didn't settle for un-American. She also called her unnamed enemies "un-Pennsylvanian." This went too far. Many of us feel that we are insufficiently Pennsylvanian, but we don't wish to be reminded of this. We do what we can. We buy Quaker Oats, for instance. We remind ourselves that Pittsburgh is the one on the left. But let's face it: We can never be as Pennsylvanian as a woman who owns a huge chunk of the state.

Face-to-face still has its place  
The Democrat and Chronicle,  
Rochester, N.Y.

Duke University's decision to give all of its incoming freshmen iPods this year might spell the demise of the 8 a.m. class.

"Why get out of bed, tired students will ask, when we can just download that early-morning calculus lecture and listen to it later on my pocket-sized digital stereo? That'll be it for the optics available to students as Duke explores the educational possibilities of the Apple iPod, an MP3 player that is generally used for music."

But it enhances the college experience. The Internet and laptops are already making life easier on campuses, so MP3 players will probably also be useful.

Universities must plan to combat the negatives, too. ...

A good education comes from more inter-

action with professors and students in the learning community, not less. As long as that is kept in mind, the digital revolution should be welcome in academia.

Make 9/11 report a beginning  
The Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News

The persistence of families of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks has resulted in an impressive report from a bipartisan congressional committee. ...

If the Congress shirks its responsibility in responding to the report's recommendations, or if elected officials choose to use the document as partisan fodder, then all the money, time and effort that went into the investigation will have been in vain. We will continue to be open to future attacks as the ducking and wrangling continues in Washington.

Most of the report's recommendations involve reforming the nation's intelligence community. A key proposal calls for creating an office of a national intelligence director to coordinate 15 intelligence agencies that work, far too often, independently of each other. ...

That proposal and others, however, are widely predicted to provoke a turf war. ... The prevarication, inaction and partisan bickering not only insult the memories of the 9/11 victims but also continue to leave our nation vulnerable. Newspapers nationwide plucked a resounding phrase from the report for their [July 23] headlines: "We are not safe." It's essential to the security of this country that our leaders act on this report — and act soon.

Helping voters never gets old  
The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y.

P. Diddy says he wants to make voting cool, so the hip-hop mogul has launched a nationwide effort to make voting "sexy" and encourage young people to vote. His nonpartisan campaign is called "Citizen Change." That's cool.

The nation's eligible young voters need not be sitting on the sidelines for this presidential or any election, including the ones in their own back yard. They may have political agendas or else-school and out-of-town, but the truth is that young people have the

same opportunity as any other group — the opportunity to go into a voting booth and pull a lever. Their numbers are such that they really could influence many elections at the local, state and national level.

Unfortunately, the turnout has been terrible among 18-to-25-year-olds. Nearly 50 percent in that age group voted in 1972, the first time 18-year-olds could vote. In 2000, only 29 percent went to the polls.

Yet campaigners such as P. Diddy's and others that have preceded him — Rock the Vote, with Madonna as one of its promoters, Russell Simmons' voter registration drives at his hip-hop summits, BET and MTV voter-awareness messages — are positive and much-needed efforts. They speak to a generation whose voice will be heard louder and clearer if it's backed up by the power of the vote.

No payoff for raising wage  
Herald-Journal, Spartanburg, S.C.

Sens. Ted Kennedy and John Kerry are pushing for an increase in the minimum wage. They say increasing it will help low-wage workers get out of poverty.

It sounds like a compassionate idea, but it isn't grounded in reality. In fact, increasing the minimum wage would hurt those low-wage workers by taking away their jobs.

Raising the minimum wage kills jobs. Suppose you own a small business employing five people earning the minimum wage. If Kerry and Kennedy were successful, they would force your payroll to rise 36 percent. Many small businesses cannot afford that increase.

And the poor people who Kerry and Kennedy say they want to help are those who will lose their jobs. ...

Congress should truly help the poor and refrain from raising the minimum wage.

Density is high, funding is low  
The (Baltimore) Sun

The federal government has pledged \$50 million to cover security costs for [last] week's Democratic National Convention. That's pretty close to what authorities in Boston believe will be spent to protect FleetCenter and the thousands of visitors to the

city. This is notable for at least one reason — as an unusual example of homeland security costs not being foisted on local government by the Bush administration and its allies in Congress.

Remember when Congress declared war on unfunded federal mandates? That was a decade ago and, clearly, homeland security is a major exception to this charming old principle (but hardly unique, since No Child Left Behind and Medicaid share similar status). President Bush and the Republican Congress have spent billions on preparedness but not nearly as much as the combined spending of local governments (despite their own budgetary woes).

Worse, what is spent by the federal government is often not apportioned wisely. ...

A recent survey found more than half of cities have yet to get a first dollar from the federal government's state-block grants, the nation's largest homeland security program. Considering how the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were aimed at two cities, it's a shocking state of affairs.

Lance put wheels in motion  
News Chief, Winter Haven, Fla.

To use an overworked phrase but one that is truly apt in this instance, Lance Armstrong's sixth straight victory in the Tour de France was totally awesome.

The Tour is an annual curiosity here, but in Europe it is an epic sporting event. 2,100 miles over three weeks over France's incredibly varied terrain, including two formidable mountain ranges, the Alps and Pyrenees. And it has been run for 90 years.

France comes to a halt while the Tour is being run. Anybody can come watch it — there's no admission — and in their tens of thousands, cycling fans do, waiting patiently for the 150 or so riders to flash by in a blur of colors and a whir of derailleur.

Only four other athletes, all legends, have won it five times. Not only is Armstrong an American, whose cycling is a fringe sport, but he is a cancer survivor and, at 32, the oldest Tour winner.

Not to invest the victory with too much symbolism, it gave the United States' badly battered prestige a needed boost, a reminder that the current tension between the United States and Western Europe is an exception and not the rule.





## Sunday Horoscope

Mercury, which loves a good conversation, opposes Uranus, which loves to toss in the unexpected twist. Shock and titillation will be the theme of the scenario you can't prepare for. Look out for problems that have to do with taking information out of context or reading too much into a situation. Also, be sure you go straight to the "horse's mouth."

### Joyce Jillion

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(August 1).** You can't afford to play small now — you've got big plans and the means to achieve them, too. Much attention comes your way in August. If you're not sure you can take on responsibility, just say "yes" and try. September is filled with romance, and the best signs for lasting love are Aries and Cancer. New business takes off in November.

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Integrity ensures your success in a relationship. You won't be able to get away with anything all day, so play it straight. Master your money so your money won't master you. You could have a primo celebrity sighting.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You can at all afford to take the time or use the money, travel! Short trips are just as effective as long ones. Your experience now leads you to peer into another world. Your love life opens up when you're not thinking about it.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Usually, you love to wing it, but planning is good now — it brings you a sense of satisfaction and helps you remain calm, cool and collected. There are wild rumors flying about tonight. Pay closer attention to your inner voice.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Spontaneity, creativity and insight are your most useful tools today — you can use them to attract new blood to your love life. You're a giver in every sense tonight. You love to be generous, and all you put out multiplies.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Inject a stalled project with more juice.

All it takes is an hour of dedication to start getting excited again.

Being with those who really know

you is more important than connecting with business associates or socializing for a cause.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Independent thinking and action are favored. You'll take a logical approach to change. No decision is made on your behalf without careful analysis. You are also likely to put your needs second and nurture the people you love.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You're tempted to upgrade to the latest and greatest, but the timing isn't right. If something is not broken, don't try to fix it. Complicated relationship issues are teased.

Give it time, and don't do anything rash.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Others may hesitate and fumble, but you've got to do what's right. Cutting expenses brings you back into balance, and it doesn't affect your life too much, either. Now, you can give money where it can do enormous good.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You'll all flutter over the prospect of something potentially romantic. Jealousy is unfurled, so just forget about it. Tonight, playing the same old role becomes tedious; accept a challenge.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Minor problems in a relationship could escalate if they are not dealt with now. You've got the patience to guide that stubborn person toward more positive behaviors. Singles find new romance at community or group events.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Socializing helps you relax. Laugh at first you may be anxious about fitting in. Forget it — you're a hit wherever you go. Remember that you are in control, and drop anyone who makes you feel otherwise. Relatives ask for money.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You have luck following a tried-and-true recipe for success. A slow-moving project begins to take shape.

There's a bit of confusion about who is supposed to pay what and how much. Review family budgets.

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## Spitting out a cliché query

When I was little, everyone told me I was the spitting image of my dad. It used to drive me nuts, but now, years later, I'm more interested in where the expression "spitting image" comes from. Can you help?

The original phrase is "spit and imbibe," meaning to repeat phrase dogs, "a person strikingly like another person." The phrase developed from a use of the noun "spit" to mean "a perfect likeness." This sense of "spit," first recorded in 1825, still occurs in British English but has fallen into disuse in the United States. It apparently developed from the familiar verb "spit" by way of a once popu-

lar saying that a son with a great resemblance to his father looked as much like him as if he had been spit out of his mouth. (Why being spit out of your father's mouth would make you look like him is a question we can't answer.) Not everyone accepts the above explanation. Some have claimed that the phrase is actually a corruption of the phrase "spit and imbibe," pronounced by Southern speakers in such a way that "spit" can eventually be understood as "spit."

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## Not sending wedding gift is OK considering distant relationship

**Dear Abby:** My sister informed me that her daughter was pregnant and being married at the local courthouse. They live in Kansas. I live in Florida.

The day after the ceremony, my sister e-mailed me, expressing her anger that I did not not acknowledge her daughter's "special day." Keep in mind that I have never known her kids, as we have lived so far apart all of their lives. Her other daughters have called me every name they can come up with, trying to make me feel bad for "forgetting" about the event. I don't feel I was obligated to do anything, especially when my sister announced it would be "parents only" at the ceremony.

Who's out of line here, in your opinion?

—Distant Aunt in Titusville, Fla.

**Dear Distant Aunt:** Since you weren't invited to the wedding, you had no obligation to send a gift. It would have been nice if you had marked the occasion with something — a token gift. However, since you are now being "called every name they can come up with," I wouldn't blame you for going from distant aunt to an even more distant

one.

**Dear Abby:** I am a 65-year-old grandmother who had a colostomy a little over a year ago. It wasn't due to cancer or a life-threatening illness. It was due to lack of muscle control because of having children.

### Dear Abby



I care for my grandchildren two or three times a week, a 2-year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl. How do I explain this to a 4-year-old? I don't want to scare her. From the time she was able to

walk she came into the bathroom with me, and now she's curious about why she can't answer. Is there a way you can explain this to a child? Thanks for any advice you can give.

—Grandma in Bristol, Conn.

**Dear Grandma:** That you had a colostomy because of incontinence due to childbirth is too much information for a child. Your granddaughter simply tell her that she's not a baby anymore, and you would prefer privacy in the bathroom. Most adults do, and it should not require a detailed explanation.

However, if your granddaughter should happen to enter the

bathroom unexpectedly and ask specific questions about what she has seen, a brief explanation that you are all right and that you just go to the bathroom a little differently than she does should suffice. As she gets older, appropriate information can be provided on a "need-to-know" basis.

**Dear Abby:** My sister and I are having a debate. I say you do not need to tip hairdressers if they rent their station and take 100 percent of the fees they charge. I say that tipping is only for people on commission. She disagrees.

I want to send my new hairdresser a tip if I'm wrong.

—"Curly" in Chesterfield, Mo.  
**Dear Curly:** When in doubt, the wisest policy is to ask if tips are accepted. In many beauty salons, tips are welcomed even by the owner. For color, cuts and permanents, the usual amount is 15 to 20 percent. For a simple wash and set or blow-dry, it's 15 percent. In addition, regular customers are given "hairdressers' and manicurists' gifts at Christmas. So haul out your wallet; your sister is right.

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## Innocent girl on baseball team gets rude remarks from boy

**Dear Annie:** My 10-year-old daughter, "Lanie," plays on a Little League baseball team. She is the only girl on the team, even though the league is co-ed and has been for a number of years. All the other players have been very welcoming to Lanie, except for one boy. He has made several negative remarks about her being a girl on a "boys' team."

Lanie is one of the top players, and I think jealousy is part of the problem. The boy's dad has made some sexist remarks, too, which I believe is the root of the boy's attitude. I can ignore the father, but what should Lanie do when she says these things? Is it beginning to bother her.

—Not Only a Boy's

Team Anymore

**Dear Boy's Team:** Lanie should not have to suffer alone. If she is bothered by this boy's juvenile remarks, she should talk to her coach and ask him to handle it. If Lanie cannot manage this, you should talk to the coach directly. It is his responsibility to see that the children practice sportsmanship as well

as baseball.

**Dear Annie:** I'm 15 years old and have an illness that, if left untreated, can lead to serious complications, including diabetes and heart disease. This illness has forced me to change my lifestyle and take many pills. I have been dealing with it for nearly four years and am very careful to take all the necessary precautions.

Every summer I visit my grandma, who doesn't understand my situation. She looks at me as if I'll die any second, acts as if I have no idea how to take care of myself and constantly asks me ridiculous questions. Worse yet, she has recently taken to discussing my illness with random people on the street.

My parents and I have informed Grandma that my doctors are quite competent and know what they are doing, but she won't stop. She lives in a small town, and it seems like everybody there knows about me, which is, frankly, embarrassing. All her friends have suggestions about what I should do.

I love my grandma very much

and do not wish to hurt her, but how can I get her to stop scrutinizing my every move?

—Old Enough

To Take Care of Myself

**Dear Old Enough:** First, understand that Grandma is worried about you. Her sense of helplessness makes her frantic to do something, anything, so she can feel she is contributing to your health. If she saw you more often, she would get used to your situation. Instead, we suggest you enlist her help so she can participate in your care.

Can Grandma cook you a special meal? Bring you water when you take your medication? Anything you trust her to do, let her do it. Also find some reading material on your illness and go over it together so she can see exactly what's going on. It's OK to tell Grandma how much it embarrasses you when she discusses your condition with her friends, and that you want these visits to be fun and special, not focused on your illness. We hope this helps.

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### Annie's Mailbox





# Gen. Tso, not just a Chinese chicken dish

BY TED ANTHONY

The Associated Press

WENJIALONG, China — Zuo Xuannun wrinkles his face in skepticism, and you can hardly blame him. A foreign visitor has appeared without warning to inform him that his great-great-grandfather — battlefield hero and crusher of rebellions against the imperial Qing court — is renowned on restaurant menus across the sea.

Gen. Zuo Zongtang, a hometown legend in his south-central province of China, was the fiercest of 19th century warriors. Yet today, most of America associates the late military strategist with a chicken. And a tasty one at that.

Odds are you know him as Gen. Tso. Gen. Zhao, Gen. Zhou, even Gen. Ching — namesake of the succulent, sweet-spicy chunks of dark-meat chicken that features in most every Chinese restaurant in America but is almost entirely unknown in China itself.

Gen. Zuo himself, however, is well-known — decidedly real and born in 1812 in this tiny valley in Hunan province. And a bit of detective work turns up the fact that, indeed, there is an obscure Hunan chicken recipe that bears his name — though no one can say quite how that happened.

"We have chickens here. We make chicken. But it's nothing special," says Zuo, sitting in the shade of his open-front house a few feet from the general's old homestead. As he speaks, a hen wanders in. "You say millions of Americans are familiar with our ancestor?"

His son, Zuo Jingyong, offers this: "It's been forgotten here. We Zuos have all heard stories about it. But did it come from him? We don't know."

Chinese food in the United States is full of such anomalies.

Dishes that Americans consid-

er takeout-joint stalwarts leave mainland Chinese scratching their heads.

Chop suey? Describe it to anyone across the land and you get blank looks. Lake Tungting shrimp? There is a Lake Tungting — or Dongting, as they spell it — here in Hunan, and it does have big shrimp, but locals say it's not a recipe per se.

Duck sauce? It's brown and made with plums — nothing like that translucent orange stuff that's apparently neither for, nor made of, duck. In the Chinese capital, the sauce is served with julienned scallions and cucumber to be placed on wrap-up pancakes over succulent Beijing duck.

Don't even ask about fortune cookies. Though some Chinese vaguely remember a grandparent putting a secret message in a holiday cake, the notion of finding an aphorism like "Yesterday's enemy is tomorrow's ally" tucked inside one's dessert is utterly alien here.

"A Confucian saying inside a cookie? I've never heard of it, but it doesn't sound like a bad idea," says Chen Huanshun, a cooking teacher at the Beijing Economic and Trade Senior Technical School. "But," he sniffs, "putting a piece of paper inside a baked good doesn't sound too sanitary."

Why the differences? The Chinese food that first made an impression on Americans came from the south, because the earliest immigrants to the United States were Cantonese, from around Guangzhou near Hong Kong. Their less-spicy cuisine became the standard for a generation of chow mein houses.

Among Cantonese contributions: chow mein (fried noodles), moo goo gai pan (mushrooms and chicken slices) and the universally loved wonton (literally, "swallowing clouds").

In the 1970s and 1980s, a new

## Delivering the truth on Chinese cuisine

Many of the foods served in Chinese restaurants, which are takeout staples for Americans, leave mainland Chinese bewildered.

### Lake Tungting shrimp

*Jumbo shrimp in sweet-salty "Hunan" sauce*

Lake Dongting, in south-central China's Hunan province, is not known for a particular shrimp dish

### Moo goo gai pan

*Chicken slices and mushrooms in light sauce made of egg whites*

Mandarin Chinese "mogu jipan" — literally, mushroom chicken slices

### Chow mein

*Thick stew of meat, celery and bean sprouts, served with fried noodles*

### Fortune cookies

Only in America; many Chinese laugh at the notion of a message being baked into a cookie

### Wonton

*Dumpling usually filled with ground pork boiled and served in broth*

Yuntun in Mandarin Chinese — one of many varieties of dumplings across China

### General Tso's chicken

*Boneless dark-meat chicken, deep fried and sautéed and flavored with sweet-spicy brown sauce and hot peppers*

A great-great-grandson speaks of the dish known here as "Zuo gongji," or "Zuo's rooster," othi family members say they don't know the recipe



### Duck sauce

*Orange and not made of duck or for use with duck*

In China it's dark brown and made with plums — served with julienned scallions and cucumber to be placed on wrap-up pancakes over Beijing duck and other delicacies

### Kungpao chicken

*Diced chicken in brown sauce, occasionally served spicy*

Diced chicken in fiery red pepper sauce with scallions, tingling Sichuan peppercorns, ginger and garlic



Zuo Xuannun, foreground, holds a copy of the family tree of his ancestor, Zuo Zongtang, in Wenjialong, China. Zuo Xuannun and his son, Zuo Jingyong, background, still live on the land where their ancestor — known in America for being the namesake of Gen. Tso's chicken — tilled land and cooked.

wave of immigrants with roots in Hunan and Sichuan (think "Szechuan") provinces — both homes to famous cuisines noted for their fragrant, spicy flavorings — opened restaurants in U.S. cities. But in case American palates weren't ready for such intricate fare, traditional recipes were modified to fit the market.

That happened with kungpao chicken, a fiery Sichuan dish that was tamed — some would say dumbed down — for an American audience.

"Every single family in Sichuan probably knows how to make it," says Yang Jianping, a taxi driver in Chengdu, the province's capital city. Then he gets animated.

"I'll tell you right now: I've never been to America, but I know that Sichuan food there is nothing like here. You have your tastes, we have ours," Yang says. "But I would probably take a bite of American kungpao chicken and spit it out."

One dish that emerged from the pack was Gen. Tso's chicken.

Though the recipe remains quite malleable — in some American restaurants the chicken is sweet and unbreaded, in others spicy or batter-fried — it was a bit and remains on virtually every American Chinese restaurant's list of "chef's specials."

This is somewhat bewildering to folks in the place that the general called home.

"You're telling me there's a chicken dish named in his memory?" says Geng Ermao, proprietress of a popular family-style restaurant in Changsha, the provincial capital. Her face wrinkles.

"You say Americans who eat Chinese food are familiar with his name? I don't know of it, and you'd think I'd know."

Head north from Changsha, drive for about an hour and you'll reach Wenjialong, a verdant valley of tucked-away farms and small houses. Here, living quiet lives, are the remaining descendants of the general, who died in 1885.

Zuo Rensi, another great-great-grandson, opens the decaying gate of his ancestor's courtyard home and leads visitors quietly into what was once the kitchen. He speaks quietly of the dish known here as "Zuo gongji," or "Zuo's rooster."

"I don't know if he created the dish or it was made for him," Zuo says. "But we all know about it. No one knows how to make it anymore, though."

Aside from his formidable military career including campaigns to crush the famed Taiping Rebellion and an uprising in the predominantly Muslim west-

ern region of Xinjiang — Zuo was known for his belief that China needed to modernize to survive. His method: using tried-and-true Western innovations to improve upon Chinese traditions.

This is instructive when considering the global journey of Gen. Tso's chicken. In a recent random sampling of more than a dozen restaurants in Hunan Province, only one — near Changsha's main train station — offered Zuo's rooster on the menu.

What arrived was a melancholy mix of vegetables, shallots and greasy, scrawny pieces of chicken studded with perilous slivers of bone — a far cry from the juicy, boneless poultry chunks familiar to Americans.

"Chinese are going all over the world, and they're taking their recipes with them. It can only get better and more professional," says Chen, the cooking-school instructor.

Usually, though, the Chinese version of Chinese food is far tastier than its American imitation. Not this time. And there's not a Zuo in town who can explain why. "All the Zuos who could leave here left. Maybe they took it with them," says Zuo Jingyong, who doubts he will ever make it to America to sample the descendant of his ancestor's eponymous meal.

"I don't know the story of the dish. I really wish I did."

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## YOUR MONEY

## Best to play waiting game when job-seeking

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new command. Last week Susie started to look for a job.

I met with Carol two days later on Wednesday morning, after dropping off Jake. Carol told me about the tech hiring slowdown upfront. I said I knew about it, but would not let it hold me back. Carol also showed me how to tweak my résumé by adding an "objective." She explained that by putting a sentence under my address with my work objective lets potential employers know exactly what I was looking for: a computer database management job.

Then, I saw the job I wanted when looking at a printout while Carol was out getting something — a computer support job relating to inventory control at the Navy Exchange on base. It didn't say database management, but I remembered from my Whidbey Island store anything related to inventory had a database attached to it.

When Carol came back, I asked her, "Do you know anything about this computer support job at the NEX?"

Carol was surprised by my question. "Where did you find that?" she asked.

I showed her the job listings. "Oh, I'm sorry," she replied. "I

gave you last month's printout by mistake. That's probably filled by now."

"Can we call them anyway?" I asked.

"Sure," she replied. "Why not? I know the human relations coordinator at NEX."

Carol called the NEX and spoke to a Mrs. Thompson. She found out the job had been filled but the person had just left for medical reasons.

As I listened to my end of the conversation, my spirits started to soar. This job could be perfect. Carol finished the call by saying I'd send over my résumé and a NEX job application and that I was eager for an interview.

Keep your hopes in check,"

## Money U.



Ralph Nelson

and hope one of the companies called me for an interview. Since NEX was my primary goal, Carol suggested I follow up with a call to her if Mrs. Thompson didn't call me within a week.

I'm not good at waiting, but this time, I didn't have much choice.

Next Susie and Jake talk about the economics of her working.

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## Take time for finances before return to U.S.

## If PCS orders send you packing, make an effort to protect valued possessions

By MITCH SWANDA

Special to Stars and Stripes

After spending a year or more on permanent duty in Europe or the Pacific, receiving permanent change of station orders sending you back to the United States may have you counting the days until your welcome-home party.

But since costs for excess shipping, temporary housing and utility installation fees can become overwhelming for the unprepared, it pays to plan carefully before relocating. While life eventually returns to normal after a move, bank account balances may not.

As you prepare to PCS back to the States, keep in mind the following tips, which can help control moving expenses and keep you on the path to financial security.

## Know where you're going

■ Research the area to which you'll be moving to determine how the new location will affect you financially.

■ Check the cost of living in your new area to find out how far your salary will stretch. Military community and family support centers provide information about most installations and the surrounding communities. And Web sites such as [www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com) or [www.homefair.com](http://www.homefair.com) also can be helpful resources.

■ Contact your insurance company to determine how your rates might change in your new location. There are a number of factors that can affect how much you'll pay. Insurance is often more expensive in areas prone to severe weather and natural disasters, and in major metropolitan areas where accidents and crime are more common.

## Crunch the numbers

■ Start planning and preparing your finances as soon as possible.

■ Find out how much of your move will be covered by the military, which will depend on your rank and where you'll be moving. While the government may pro-

vide additional moving allowances for overseas moves, many personnel still find that it's not enough to cover all of the miscellaneous expenses that arise during the relocation process.

■ Take inventory of the items you plan to move and what you can sell for extra cash. Also make a list of what you'll have to buy when you get to your new home. Be aware that U.S. Customs may restrict the import of certain goods you've acquired while living overseas, such as some foreign-made electronics bearing American trademarks. A military customs inspector should provide guidelines before your move. If you're planning to mail some items back to the States, be sure to request instructions for duty-free entry.

■ Calculate a moving budget outlining your anticipated expenses, and initiate a savings plan to contribute toward that amount with each paycheck.

## Protect your property

■ Ensure that your household belongings are protected during the move. Transferring household goods from overseas requires even more precaution than a PCS within the United States.

■ Find out how much of your personal property will be insured by government movers, and keep a record of all items entrusted to them. Some insurers may provide protection that supplements the movers insurance, so it's a good idea to ask your insurance company what moving-related claims will be covered under your current renters or homeowners policy.

■ For example, a basic renters insurance policy can be a convenient and inexpensive way to protect your belongings if lost or stolen in transit, but keep in mind that certain types of damage, such as breaking, marring or scratching, may not be covered. Also, be aware that for a new policy to cover your items during the move, most companies will require you to obtain the policy prior to shipping your



Courtesy of USAF

Returning to the United States after an overseas tour is stressful enough without unexpected expenses. Being prepared can cut both costs and stress.

belongings.

■ If transferring a vehicle, review your auto insurance policy to determine if moving-related damages are covered during an overseas move.

■ If you're considering canceling your current insurance coverage, ask your insurance company if it would be best to keep your current policy in force until after all of your goods have arrived at their destination and any claims have been settled.

## Keep in touch

■ Look to your financial service provid-

ers to help you through the turbulent pre- and post-moving months.

■ Work with your bank to update any automatic funds transfer arrangements, as your bills or investment contributions may need to change when you move. And if you keep items in a safe deposit box, arrange to have those items transferred securely to your new location.

■ Ask your insurance company if any appropriate adjustments to your coverage, such as raising your deductible, could lower your premiums, and if special discounts may apply after you relocate.

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## YOUR MONEY

## Bankruptcy: Subject of the decade

Q: My wife and I found ourselves in credit card debt that totaled more than \$85,000 because of personal misfortune (in other words, we didn't just go out and buy a lot of stupid stuff).

We sought out a financial counselor at our church and worked diligently with her for quite some time. Our goal is to have everything paid off in five years, except for our mortgage and maybe an auto loan. After one year, we reduced our debt by more than \$13,000.

I know that's good, but it seems as though we still have such a long way to go. I am getting quite depressed and have spoken to my wife several times about bankruptcy. We believe as Christians that we have a moral obligation to honor our commitments, but I can't help but feel as though we have probably paid the money back in interest three times over already.

Our highest-interest card charges less than 10 percent, with the majority less than 5 percent. Do people really pay off this kind of debt? Or are we just fooling ourselves and should we just

give in? We are both in our early 40s, with some retirement money, but not much. What do you think?

A: You titled your e-mail "Question of the Decade," and that's an apt description. Last year 1.6 million personal bankruptcy cases were filed in the United States, a record.

Interestingly, the law that allows bankruptcy is based on an Old Testament concept of forgiving debt every seven years. Longer-term debt was seen as a form of slavery, and lending at high interest rates was called usury — a quaint concept that you don't hear much about today.

All this, of course, was long before 30-year mortgages and revolving credit came into being. It has never been easier than it is today to get completely over one's head in debt, nor has bankruptcy had less stigma.

That doesn't mean bankruptcy is the right option for you. If you can pay your debt in three to five

years, the type of bankruptcy that wipes out most unsecured debt — Chapter 7 — may not be available to you. You could file a Chapter 13 repayment plan, but that could raise your credit and not result in all that much of your debt.

## Money Talk



Liz Pulliam Weston

Many who file for bankruptcy are all but forced there by high interest rates that ensure they'll never make a real dent in what they owe. You're lucky that your interest rates are relatively low (which also makes it unlikely you'll pay for this debt "three times over," or anywhere close to that) and that you apparently have the income to retire this debt.

Repaying your debt on your own will, of course, require a big commitment.

Many people have done it: Some sell their homes and downsize; others put their other goals on hold, including saving for retirement and their children's educations. They come out of the

experience poorer financially than they might have been had they opted for bankruptcy, but perhaps richer for having honored their commitments.

It isn't an easy choice to make. You can talk to a bankruptcy attorney about your options; most reputable lawyers offer free consultations. But ultimately, the decision is up to you and your wife.

Q: We would like to remodel and expand our garage and need to borrow \$30,000. We can either obtain a home equity loan at 3.75 percent interest and receive a tax deduction or borrow from my husband's 401(k) retirement fund at 4 percent interest with the interest repaid to his account.

Which do you feel is a better option, or do you have another suggestion?

A: Yes. Rethink the whole thing.

It's hard to imagine a scenario in which a garage expansion could be considered a need. It's a "want," and the kind of project that will add far less value to your house than it will cost.

Your garage renovation is, then, a luxury, and luxuries should be paid for with cash. An alternative is to take out a home equity line of credit but pay it back rapidly — preferably within three to five years.

Leave your retirement funds alone. If your husband loses his job, the loan would have to be paid back quickly or the unpaid balance would become a premature withdrawal, subject to penalties and taxes.

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## Moving: Be prepared for change

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As soon as possible, update all of your providers with your new address and contact information to avoid confusion with your accounts.

## Prepare to deduct

■ Remember that many moving expenses are tax-deductible, such as expenses incurred through travel, a spouse's job-hunting costs, mortgage points and more.

■ Create a file in which to keep all records and receipts from moving expenses and start with a clean slate when you move. You'll need them when it's time to prepare your tax return next year.

■ If you have any money left from government moving allowances, note that those dollars are taxed as income if not used for moving-related expenses.

■ Review the Armed Forces Tax Guide Publication 3 for complete details on how your taxes will be affected by a PCS.

For most servicemembers, returning to the States after a tour abroad is a time of celebration with family and friends. And by taking the time to make smart decisions before the move, you can spend less time balancing your checkbook and more time with loved ones upon your arrival.

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## THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

## INDEXES

52-week	Low	High	Vol	Change
10,353.87	8,991.11	Dow Jones Industrials	10,329.24	+12.17
3,212.45	2,526.38	Dow Jones Transportation	3,212.45	+43.09
286.07	229.45	Dow Jones Utilities	286.07	+1.54
6,798.12	4,836.77	NASDAQ Composite	6,798.12	+39.47
4,906.12	3,981.12	NYSE Composite	4,906.12	+25.30
1,553.23	1,040.88	S&P 500	1,553.23	+0.29
1,682.41	1,177.31	S&P MidCap	1,682.41	+0.59
396.42	448.97	Russell 2000	396.42	+0.83
11,717.14	8,258.55	D. Wilshire 2000	11,717.14	+66.59

## NYSE

Most Active (\$1 or more)	Volume	Vol	Change
United	4,924	1.11	+0.11
Norfolk	2,922	3.73	+0.21
General	1,861	2.12	+0.12
Agilent	1,877	1.17	+0.17
Corning	1,642	2.63	+0.10
GenCorp	1,674	3.12	+0.10
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## AMEX

Most Active (\$1 or more)	Volume	Vol	Change
United	4,924	1.11	+0.11
Norfolk	2,922	3.73	+0.21
General	1,861	2.12	+0.12
Agilent	1,877	1.17	+0.17
Corning	1,642	2.63	+0.10
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## NASDAQ

Most Active (\$1 or more)	Volume	Vol	Change
United	4,924	1.11	+0.11
Norfolk	2,922	3.73	+0.21
General	1,861	2.12	+0.12
Agilent	1,877	1.17	+0.17
Corning	1,642	2.63	+0.10
GenCorp	1,674	3.12	+0.10
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## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	Japanese yen (July 30)	109.00
Commercial rates	S. Korean won (July 30)	113.90
	British pound	\$1.41
	Bahrain (Dinar)	3.766
	Canada (Dollar)	\$1.614
	Denmark (Krone)	5.82
	Egypt (Pound)	6.20
	Euro	79.35
	Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.793
	Hungary (Forint)	20.242
	India (Rupee)	7.178
	Israel (Shekel)	4.517
	Japan (Yen)	112.10
	Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2646
	Norway (Krone)	6.63
	Philippines (Peso)	55.96
	Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.59
	Singapore (Dollar)	1.783
	S. Korea (Won)	1,167.24
	Switzerland (Franc)	1.21
	Taiwan (Dollar)	1.465,000
	Thailand (Baht)	46.000
	Turkey (Lira)	1.465,000

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interest rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign bank rates in U.S. dollars; convert to dollars to euro.)

## PRECIOUS METALS

London close	Gold	\$390.70
	Silver	\$6.46

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	1.125
3-month bill	1.144
30-year bond	5.125
Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com	

## Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

## Selling books online

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Don't just throw away or give away your old novels, textbooks and other reading material. Services available on the Internet are making it easier to trade in books for cash — at no expense to you.

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## AM WEEKLY RADIO

### JAPAN - KANTO

**EAGLE 810**  
**Morning (Sun)**  
 7:05 Religious Programming  
 9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz)  
 10:00 Country  
 12:00 American Country Countdown  
 4:00 A Prairie Home Companion  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Focus on the Family  
 6:30 Travel Radio  
 7:00 Dr. Laura  
 8:00 Beale Street Caravan  
 9:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
 12:00 2-Rock (Alternative)(Mon-Fri)  
 12:00 Sports Overnight  
 4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation Live (Tue-Fri)  
 4:00 NPR on the Media (Mon)  
 4:00 NPR Living on Earth (Mon)

**Morning**  
 6:00 Eagle 810 Morning Show (Top 40/Classic Rock)  
 7:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary  
 7:20 Pacific Report  
 7:24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story  
 7:28 Eagle 810 News  
 9:00 Zama Commander's Corner (1st and 2nd Friday)  
 9:00 Zama Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Friday)

**Yokota/USFJ Chiefs' Corner (3rd Friday)**  
 10:00 Radio Cafe (70s, 80s, 90s)  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Pacific Report  
 12:00 Pacific Report and Commentary  
 12:21 Air Force Radio News  
 12:23 Radio Cafe (70s, 80s, 90s)  
 12:30 Top 40 Music  
 3:00 Traffic Jamz (Top 40/Classic Rock)  
 3:00 Pacific Report  
 4:07 AFN Sports Report  
 4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story  
 4:17 Traffic Jamz (Top 40/Classic Rock)

**Evening**  
 6:00 from the Bench Live Sports (Wed)  
 6:00 NPR's Morning Edition LIVE  
 Yokosuka Commander's Corner (1st & 3rd Thursday)  
 8:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 9:00 The Touch (urban): Mon/Country  
 9:00 The Touch (Oldies): Wed/Rock of Ages (Classic Rock): Thu/The Touch (Urban): Fri

**Morning (Sat)**  
 12:00 NPR's All Things Considered LIVE  
 8:05 Car Talk  
 9:00 Kim Komando  
 12:00 Classic Rock  
 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40  
 4:00 2-Rock (Alternative)  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night  
 7:00 The Touch (Urban)  
 7:00 The Touch (Alternative)  
 2:00 Sports Overnight America

## FM WEEKLY RADIO

### JAPAN - YOKOTA

**FM CABLE Radio Services (On Base Only)**

**2-Rock (Alternative) 90.3 FM**

**Eagle 810 (Variety) 94.7 FM**

**National Public Radio (News, Talk) 91.3 FM**

**Bright AC (Pop) 91.7 FM**

**Adult Rock (Classic Rock) 92.3 FM**

**The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM**

**Country 93.3 FM**

**Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM**

**Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM**

**National Public Radio**

**Morning (Sun)**

6:00 Weekend All Things Considered

8:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night

11:00 Piano Jazz

**Afternoon**

12:00 Beethoven Network

12:00 Weekend All Things Considered

2:00 Dialogue

2:30 Uncommon Knowledge

3:00 The WMTJ Jazz Network

5:00 Jazz Profiles

**Evening**

6:00 Walt, Walt Don't Tell Me

8:00 A Prairie Home Companion

9:00 Weekend Edition Sunday

11:00 Justice Talking

12:00 Fresh Air Weekend

12:00 American Life

2:00 Live Show with Harry Shearer

3:00 on the Media

4:00 Newsradio

4:00 Adult Contemporary  
**POWER 1575**  
**Morning (Sun)**  
 7:00 NPR: All Things Considered  
 8:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 9:00 Parent's Journal  
 10:00 Eagle 810  
 11:00 Sports Overnight America

**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Adult Rock  
 4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
**Evening**  
 7:00 Hot AC  
 10:00 The Touch (Urban)  
 10:00 The Touch (Urban)  
 3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
**Morning (Mon-Fri)**  
 6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
 6:00 Morning Air Strike  
 6:30 Paul Harvey News  
 7:10 Horoscope  
 7:30 Inside Yokota Radio News  
 8:30 Best of the Story  
 8:35 David Letterman/Leno  
 9:00 Country Call Up  
 11:00 Bright AC/Golden Oldies (Fri)

**Afternoon**  
 1:00 2-Rock/Classic Oldies (Fri)  
 2:00 The Afterburner  
 2:30 Inside Yokota Radio News  
 2:34 Best of the Story  
 2:36 Pacific Report  
 3:30 Paul Harvey News  
 3:40 AFN Sportspage  
 4:00 Dearest Time  
**Evening**  
 6:00 NPR: Fresh Air  
 7:00 The Rock Show (Mon/old School)  
 7:00 The Rock Show (Fri)  
 7:00 Adult Rock  
 8:00 Country  
**Morning (Sat)**  
 6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)  
 10:00 Soundbarbie  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Rick Dees' Weekly Top 40  
 6:00 NPR: All Things Considered  
 7:00 The Jim Stone Show  
 8:00 The Touch  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 12:00 The Rock Show

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 6:00 NPR: All Things Considered  
 7:00 The Jim Stone Show  
 8:00 The Touch  
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### JAPAN - MISAWA

**THE EDGE - AM 1575**  
**Morning (Sun)**  
 12:00 NPR's All Things Considered  
 2:00 Classic Rock  
 4:00 Hot AC  
 6:00 Sam Donaldson  
 7:00 Religious  
 7:00 Religious  
 10:00 Hot AC  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 ACC Country  
 4:00 Adult Rock  
**Evening**  
 2:00 Sports Overnight America  
 6:00 Prairie Home

5:00 Weekly Edition  
**Morning (Mon)**  
 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered  
 8:00 The WMTJ Beethoven Network  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Car Talk  
 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered  
 2:00 Fresh Air Weekend  
 3:00 The WMTJ Jazz Network  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Morning Edition  
 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)  
 12:00 The Connection (call in)  
 1:00 Fresh Air  
 2:00 Walt, Walt Don't Tell Me  
 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)  
 5:00 All Things Considered  
 7:00 The World  
 8:00 Marketplace  
 8:30 Says You (Tue) Latino USA (Wed) Living on Earth (Thu) Uncommon Knowledge (Fri) Remind (Sat)

9:00 The WMTJ Beethoven Network

**Afternoon**

12:00 All Things Considered

3:00 The WMTJ Jazz Network

**Evening**

6:00 Morning Edition

11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)

12:00 The Connection (call in)

1:00 Fresh Air

2:00 Walt, Walt Don't Tell Me

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**Afternoon**

12:00 All Things Considered

3:00 The WMTJ Jazz Network

**Evening**

6:00 Morning Edition

11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in)

12:00 The Connection (call in)

1:00 Fresh Air

2:00 Walt, Walt Don't Tell Me (Tue) Beethoven Network (Wed) Newsradio (Thu)

3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)

5:00 All Things Considered

**Morning (Sat)**

7:00 The World

8:00 Hot AC  
**Morning (Mon-Thu)**  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 2:00 Classic Rock  
 4:00 Sports Overnight America  
 5:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 6:00 Classic Rock Morning  
 9:00 Hot AC

**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Adult Rock  
 3:00 Edge Afternoon Radio  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Country  
 8:00 R&B  
 10:00 Hot AC  
**Morning (Fri)**  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 2:00 Classic Rock  
 4:00 Sports Overnight America  
 5:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 6:00 Matt in the Morning  
 9:00 Flashback  
 11:00 Hot AC

**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Classic Rock  
 1:00 Inside The Line  
 3:00 That Country Show  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Classic Rock  
 8:00 R&B  
 10:00 Hot AC  
**Morning (Sat)**  
 12:00 2-Rock  
 2:00 Classic Rock  
 4:00 Classic Rock  
 6:00 Oldies  
 8:00 Car Talk  
 9:00 Saturday Retro  
 10:00 Jim Rome Show

**Afternoon**  
 12:00 Rick Dees  
 3:00 Nautica Musica  
 5:00 Kim Komando  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Jim Rome Show  
 7:00 2-Rock  
 9:00 Hot AC

### JAPAN - SASEBO

**THUNDER RADIO 1575**  
**Morning (Sunday)**  
 12:00 Top 40  
 4:00 Soft Hits  
 7:00 Religious Programming  
 10:00 Focus on the Family  
 10:30 The Environmental Show  
 11:00 Savvy Traveler  
**Afternoon**  
 12:00 American Country Countdown  
 4:00 Top 40  
 6:00 Classic Rock  
 9:00 2-Rock  
**Morning (Mon-Fri)**  
 12:00 Soft Hits  
 3:00 Oldies  
 5:00 Rush Limbaugh  
 6:00 Morning Drive  
 9:00 Country

1:00 Bright Adult Contemporary  
 3:00 Live Local Show (Korea-wide)

**Evening**

8:00 Urban Adult Contemporary

9:00 Adult Rock

**Morning (Sat)**

12:00 2-Rock

5:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

8:00 Saturday Morning Wake-up

**Afternoon**

12:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

**Evening**

9:00 Adult Rock

### KINAWA

**FM - WAVE 98.1**

**Morning (Sun)**

12:00 American Country Countdown

16:00 Adult Contemporary (hot AC)

**Afternoon**

12:00 American Country Countdown

16:00 Adult Contemporary (hot AC)

**Morning (Mon-Fri)**

5:00 Morning Show (live)

9:00 Adult Contemporary (bright AC)

**Afternoon**

13:00 Afternoon Show (live)

5:00 Power Jamz (live)

8:00 Adult Contemporary (bright AC)

10:00 Adult Contemporary (hot AC)

**Morning (Sat)**

12:00 2-Rock

6:00 Adult Contemporary (bright AC)

8:00 Saturday Show

**Afternoon**

16:00 Adult Contemporary (hot AC)

18:00 Adult Contemporary (hot AC)

**Afternoon**  
 12:00 "The Jam" with Nikkii V. (Mon, Wed and Fri)  
 12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu)  
 3:00 "The Rush"  
**Evening**  
 6:00 Classic Rock Morning  
 9:00 Top 40  
**Morning (Saturday)**  
 12:00 Classic Rock  
 4:00 Classic Rock  
 12:00 All Things Considered  
 8:30 Best of Our Knowledge  
 9:00 Oldies  
 10:00 Hot AC  
 11:00 Dr. Phil Show (live)  
 12:00 Top 40  
 12:00 Rick Dees American Top 40  
 4:00 Nautica Musica  
 5:00 Country  
**Evening**  
 8:00 Urban

**Evening**

12:00 "The Jam" with Nikkii V. (Mon, Wed and Fri)

12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu)

3:00 "The Rush"

**Evening**

6:00 Classic Rock Morning

9:00 Top 40

**Morning (Saturday)**

12:00 Classic Rock

4:00 Classic Rock

12:00 All Things Considered

8:30 Best of Our Knowledge

9:00 Oldies

10:00 Hot AC

11:00 Dr. Phil Show (live)

12:00 Top 40

12:00 Rick Dees American Top 40

4:00 Nautica Musica

5:00 Country

**Evening**

8:00 Urban

### KOREA

**Thunder AM**

**Morning (Sun)**

12:00 Country

5:00 NPR Weekly Edition

7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

10:00 Nautica Musica

**Morning (Mon)**

12:00 Oldies Radio

4:00 Sports Overnight America

**Evening**

6:00 NPR Car Talk

7:00 Prairie Home Companion

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition Sunday

11:00 Country

**Morning (Mon)**

12:00 Country

5:00 NPR

7:00 Morning Report

7:30 NPR Market Place

8:00 Oldies Radio

**Afternoon**

12:00 Noon Report

12:30 Sports & Views

1:00 Dr. Laura

2:00 Country

5:00 Jim Rome Show

**Evening**

6:00 Adult Rock

4:00 Sports Overnight America (live)

**Notes:** (Schedule is subject to change because of sports schedules.)

**Evening**

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country (live)

**Morning (Sat)**

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country (live)

**Morning (Sun)**

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country (live)

**Evening**

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country (live)

**Morning (Sun)**

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country (live)

**Evening**

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country (live)

**Morning (Sun)**

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country (live)

**Evening**

6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)

8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country (live)

**Evening**

## The Pacific Forecast

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**Tide Table**

	Today	High Tide	Tomorrow
<b>Mainland Japan</b>			
Yokosuka	6:12 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	6:59 a.m.
Sasebo	10:02 a.m.	10:55 p.m.	10:46 a.m.
<b>Korea</b>			
Cheju Island/Sogwipo	11:10 a.m.	11:57 p.m.	11:51 a.m.
Kunsan	3:59 a.m.	4:07 p.m.	4:46 a.m.
Okinawa, Naha	6:57 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	7:45 a.m.
Guam, Apra Harbor	6:43 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	7:39 a.m.
<b>Mainland Japan</b>			
Yokosuka	12:36 a.m.	1:02 p.m.	1:13 a.m.
Sasebo	4:20 a.m.	4:33 p.m.	4:59 a.m.
<b>Korea</b>			
Cheju Island/Sogwipo	6:45 a.m.	5:56 p.m.	7:33 a.m.
Kunsan	10:49 a.m.	10:48 p.m.	11:32 a.m.
Okinawa, Naha	1:13 a.m.	1:49 p.m.	1:58 a.m.
Guam, Apra Harbor	1:46 a.m.	2:12 p.m.	2:39 a.m.

\* For tides at other sites apply minutes below to Naha tides:  
 Sakai, Ono Wan: -38, Sendai, Bepori: +11 high and low tide  
 Uten Koi: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: -44 high, -42 low.

**SEoul**  
 Today 89/72  
 Hot, then a t-storm

**Monday 88/71**  
 A few showers; thunder

**SHANGHAI**  
 Today 89/78  
 Stray pm. t-storms

**Monday 93/79**  
 Hot; maybe a t-storm

**Taiwan**  
 Today 89/78  
 Sun and stry showers

**Monday 90/80**  
 Some sun; rather hot

**Manila**  
 Today 99/77  
 Sun, clouds; a t-storm

**Monday 95/77**  
 Stray t-storms; sun

**Singapore**  
 Today 89/77  
 A t-storm or two

**Monday 91/78**  
 Scattered t-storms

**Bangkok**  
 Today 93/79  
 Hot, stray t-storms

**Monday 91/79**  
 Hot or-miss t-storms

**HONG KONG**  
 Today 99/77  
 Partly sunny, steamy

**Monday 90/80**  
 Some sun; rather hot

**GUAM**  
 Today 85/75  
 Showers; downpours

**Monday 85/77**  
 Unsettled and rainier

**KWAJALEIN**  
 Today 88/80  
 Sun and stray showers

**Monday 88/80**  
 Partly sunny showers

**NORTHERN JAPAN**  
 Today 83/69  
 Muggy; a few showers, t-storms

**Monday 85/71**  
 Warm and sticky

**TOKYO**  
 Today 84/78  
 Partly sunny and rather hot

**Monday 84/73**  
 Rather hot once again

**SOUTHERN JAPAN**  
 Today 82/61  
 Tropical Storm Nairutem

**Monday 88/76**  
 Sultry with scattered showers

### Extended Forecasts

## TOKYO

Tuesday: Showers, high 85, low 76.  
Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 78.

## KADENA

Tuesday: Showers,  
high 90, low 79.  
Wednesday: Showers,  
high 88, low 79.

**SEOUL**

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,  
high 87, low 70.  
Wednesday: Thundershowers,  
high 87, low 74.

MANILA

Tuesday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 77.  
Wednesday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 77.

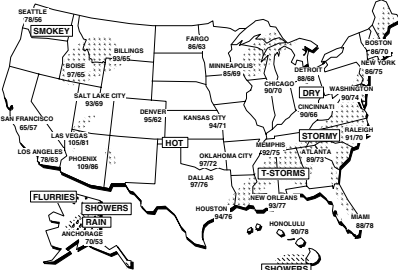
## HAGATNA

Tuesday: Showers,  
high 87, low 79.  
Wednesday: Thunderstorms,  
high 89, low 79.

### Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Albuquerque	91/67	Los Angeles	80/63
Amarillo	91/65	Little Rock	88/70
Anchorage	91/65	Louisville	90/78
Ashville	91/65	Miami	90/78
Baltimore	90/71	Milwaukee	75/54
Birmingham	87/72	Nashville	78/62
Bismarck	78/54	New York	82/65
Boise	95/64	Omaha	82/65
Boston	91/71	Orlando	82/63
Brownsville	88/78	Philadelphia	83/74
Buffalo	91/67	Phoenix	100/78
Burlington	92/72	Pittsburgh	89/70
Charleston, SC	88/73	Portland, OR	82/59
Charlotte, NC	85/69	Portland, ME	83/58
Chicago	87/63	Salt Lake City	97/63
Columbus, OH	85/59	St. Louis	81/67
Duluth	88/49	San Antonio	94/71
El Paso	91/71	San Diego	72/63
Hamland	91/67	San Juan	91/67
Helena	90/60	Tampa	90/76
Indianapolis	81/68	Tulsa	89/67
Jacksonville	87/63	Washington	87/63
Kansas City	82/66	Wichita	87/67

## Sunday, August 01



### U.S. Extended Forecast

A cold front in the Northeast on Sunday will provide plenty of clouds along with showers and thunderstorms, especially across New England. Showers and thunderstorms will occur across Florida, especially in the panhandle. A frontal boundary stretching from the western Great Lakes will bring showers and storms from Wisconsin to Iowa and across parts of eastern Montana and western North Dakota. A strong ridge of high pressure in the West will bake much of the region; a few showers will occur late in the day across parts of New Mexico. Low clouds and fog will be along the coast from Washington to Southern California, although Southern California will have some afternoon sunshine.

### Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Bangkok	93/79	Iwakuni	84/74	Sasebo NB	83/75
Beijing	88/74	Kadena AB	88/79	Sapporo	83/69
Charm Casey	88/72	Kunsan AB	88/76	Seoul	85/72
Christchurch	89/74	Kwajalein	88/80	Shanghai	95/74
Diego Garcia	83/75	Manila	89/77	Singapore	91/79
Hagatna	85/75	Misawa AB	88/72	Sydney	64/46
Hanoi	87/75	Osan	89/73	Taegu	82/71
Hong Kong	90/80	Pertis	84/74	Taipei	84/74
HongYulu	90/78	PuTin	80/74	Tokyo	84/73

### Sunday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW	CITY	HIGHLOW
Acapulco	92/78	Budapest	82/58	Kabul	91/59	Nairobi	77/52
Athens	84/68	Buenos Aires	62/47	Kiev	76/55	New Delhi	77/69
Auckland	51/41	Cairo	98/87	Kuwait	71/48	Oslo	97/70
Baghdad	88/68	Cancun	76/59	Lima	83/64	Paris	83/64
Barbados	88/72	Cape Town	57/39	Madrid	98/73	Rio de Janeiro	75/63
Barcelona	82/69	Geneva	84/68	Mexico City	75/55	Rome	88/67
Berlin	77/70	Istanbul	82/68	Montreal	85/67	St. Petersburg	75/59
Bermuda	81/70	Jerusalem	92/82	Mogadishu	84/71	Stockholm	66/51
				Obanvoro	83/64		



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# Mayfield needs another strong race at Pocono

## Driver is 11th in Nextel Cup points with seven races until title chase begins

BY DAN GELSTON

The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Jeremy Mayfield would like to hover among the top five in the driver standings. Yet as the mad dash toward qualifying for NASCAR's 10-race chase for the championship heats up, Mayfield still likes his spot.

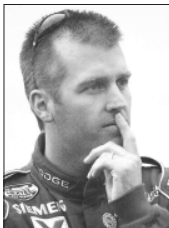
Mayfield enters the Pennsylvania 500 on Sunday ranked 11th in the standings, 106 points behind 10th-place Ryan Newman.

There are seven races left to earn a spot as one of the 10 drivers who will be eligible to win the championship in the last 10 races.

Mayfield hardly seems worried about missing the cut. He said there was more pressure on Newman and Kevin Harvick, who is in ninth place and 111 points ahead of Mayfield.

"The guys that are eighth, ninth and 10th, I think they're going to be a little more patient and not try to make any mistakes, whereas we feel like we've got nothing to lose," Mayfield said. "We've got to run hard and gain all we can every week."

"I'd rather be in the situation where I'm in right now because some-



Jeremy Mayfield has two victories among his eight top-10 finishes in 20 starts at Pocono Raceway.

times you can be too conservative. Right now, we're in the offensive mode and we're going to do everything we can to get there."

Pocono might be the track where Mayfield makes his move.

He's won twice at Pocono Raceway — including his first career victory — and finished second there six weeks ago in the Pocono

500. Mayfield also has four top-fives and eight top-10s at the track in 20 career starts.

"I think we're sitting in a pretty good spot right now," he said. "Other than being in the top five, I'd rather be where we're at rather than worried about somebody trying to move in on us. I feel real good about the point system so far."

Jimmie Johnson, who overcame a caution-rules error to win at Pocono in June, is the series leader, holding a 165-point lead over Dale Earnhardt Jr. Jeff Gordon is 37 behind Earnhardt.

Earnhardt plans to drive his 500 miles Sunday in his second career since suffering second-degree burns in an American LeMans Series crash July 18.

Earnhardt drove the first 61 laps of last Sunday's race at New Hampshire before giving up the driver's seat to rookie Martin Truex Jr.

John Andretti — a part-time DEI driver this season — will stand off all weekend.

"The plan is to rest and take it easy this week so I'll be ready to do 500 miles Sunday," Earnhardt said. "The burns heal a little more every day, but I'm still in a

lot of pain. I felt pretty good inside the car, but I'm going to need all my strength."

Johnson agreed with Mayfield that the leaders can race more cautiously over the next month.

"I feel kind of like Lance Armstrong, when you're just kind of riding along waiting for that final cut," he said. "We can look at it in two ways: One, we can conserve or, two, we can take some chances because it doesn't matter where we end up after race No. 26 as long as we're in the top 10."

All the drivers could benefit from a strong pole qualifying session Friday since the past four races at Pocono have been won from a top-five starting position. Mayfield took the pole for the Budweiser Shootout and at Dover, but has no other top-five starts.

Still, he has history at Pocono,

where he won for the first time in 1998. Two years later, he won again after pushing aside Dale Earnhardt in the final lap.

His more recent hot streak is keeping him in championship contention. He's finished in the top-10 in six of his last nine races after having only two top-10s in his first 13.

Put the two together and it's easy to see why Mayfield likes his chances in the Pennsylvania 500 at Po-

cono, where the 2½-mile triangular track is unique on the circuit because the drivers shift as if they were on a road course.

"I love the racetrack. I have a lot of confidence going in there, and I think my team has a lot of confidence going in there, also," he said. "That's what it's all about these days, having confidence in each other and feeling good about what you're doing."

*"I'd rather be where we're at rather than worried about somebody trying to move in on us."*

Jeremy Mayfield

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## AFN schedule

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## Television

**AFN-Pacific/AFN-Korea**  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 2 a.m.-a.m. radio racing:** NASCAR Craftsman Truck race X Series on Truck. **Belmont**  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 4 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Boston vs. Minnesota  
**MON, Aug. 2, at 4 a.m.-a.m. radio racing:** Indy League Michigan 400

## AFN-Atlantic

**SUN, Aug. 1, at 2 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Philadelphia vs. Chicago. **Singles semifinal, pairing to be determined.**  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 5 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Seattle vs. Boston  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 8 p.m.-a.m. Pro soccer:** Major League Soccer All Star Game  
**MON, Aug. 2, at 2 a.m.-a.m. radio racing:** NASCAR Nextel Cup Pennsylvania 500.

## AFN-Pacific

**SUN, Aug. 1, at 1 a.m.-a.m. Track and field:** Olympic Trials  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 2 a.m.-a.m. Pro tennis-ATP Masters Series Canada:** Singles semifinal, pairing to be determined.  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 4 a.m.-a.m. Pro golf:** U.S. Senior Open, third round  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 6 a.m.-a.m. Track and field:** Rio de Janeiro, 100 m

**SUN, Aug. 1, at 8 a.m.-a.m. Pro tennis:** Puerto Rico vs. Team USA  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 10 a.m.-a.m. Pro tennis-ATP Masters Series Canada:** Singles semifinal, pairing to be determined.  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 11 a.m.-a.m. Women's pro basketball:** Indiana vs. Detroit  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 4 p.m.-a.m. Pro golf-PGA Tour:** Bay Hill, third round

**SUN, Aug. 1, at 8 p.m.-a.m. radio racing:** NASCAR Busch Grand national on the Goody's Pumps/ITT Industries Salute to the Troops 500 Presented by Dodge  
**MON, Aug. 2, at 2 a.m.-a.m. Pro golf:** Women's British Open, final round  
**MON, Aug. 2, at 4 a.m.-a.m. Pro golf:** U.S. Senior Open, final round

**MON, Aug. 2, at 9 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** St. Louis vs. San Francisco  
**SUN, Aug. 2, at 4 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Philadelphia vs. Texas  
**MON, Aug. 2, at 8:30 p.m.-a.m. Women's soccer:** U.S. vs. Team USA  
**MON, Aug. 2, at 10:30 p.m.-a.m. Pro tennis-ATP Masters Series Canada:** Singles championship, pairing to be determined.

## Radio

**Korea - AFN Thunder-AM**  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 2 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Philadelphia vs. Chicago  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 4 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Seattle vs. Boston  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 6 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Boston vs. Minnesota  
**MON, Aug. 2, at 2 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** NY Yankees vs. Toronto  
**MON, Aug. 2, at 5 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Los Angeles vs. San Diego

**Okinawa - AFN Surf 648-AM**  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 9 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Boston vs. Minnesota  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 11 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Philadelphia vs. Chicago Cubs  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 2 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Seattle vs. Boston  
**SUN, Aug. 1, at 4 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Boston vs. Minnesota  
**MON, Aug. 2, at 2 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** NY Yankees vs. Toronto  
**MON, Aug. 2, at 5 a.m.-a.m. Pro baseball:** Los Angeles vs. San Diego

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**Western Conference**  
**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
**Los Angeles** 9 5 5 32 38 38  
**Kansas City** 9 5 5 32 38 38  
**San Jose** 9 5 5 32 38 38  
**Dallas** 6 7 5 23 23 25  
**San Diego** 6 7 5 23 23 25

**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.  
**Wednesday's games**  
**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
**LA Galaxy** 5 6 5 24 18 38  
**San Jose** 4 6 5 24 18 38  
**Chicago** 4 5 6 24 18 38  
**New England** 4 5 6 24 18 38  
**Western Conference**  
**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
**Los Angeles** 9 5 5 32 38 38  
**Kansas City** 9 5 5 32 38 38  
**San Jose** 9 5 5 32 38 38  
**Dallas** 6 7 5 23 23 25  
**San Diego** 6 7 5 23 23 25

**Saturday's game**  
**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
**LA Galaxy** 5 6 5 24 18 38  
**San Jose** 4 6 5 24 18 38  
**Chicago** 4 5 6 24 18 38  
**New England** 4 5 6 24 18 38

**Sunday, August 7**  
**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
**LA Galaxy** 5 6 5 24 18 38  
**San Jose** 4 6 5 24 18 38  
**Chicago** 4 5 6 24 18 38  
**New England** 4 5 6 24 18 38

**Japan baseball**  
**Central League**  
**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
**Yomiuri** 49 40 2 538 276  
**Yokohama** 49 40 2 538 276  
**Yokohama** 49 40 2 538 276  
**Hiroshima** 49 40 2 538 276

**Friday's games**  
**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
**Yomiuri** 49 40 2 538 276  
**Yokohama** 49 40 2 538 276  
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## Pacific League

**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
**Nippon Ham** 49 40 2 538 276  
**Yokohama** 49 40 2 538 276  
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**Friday's games**  
**W L T Pts**  
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**Tennis**  
**Acra Classic**  
**At La Costa Resort and Spa**  
**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
**Nippon Ham** 49 40 2 538 276  
**Yokohama** 49 40 2 538 276  
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**Monday's games**  
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**Wednesday's games**  
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**Friday's games**  
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**Monday's games**  
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**Friday's games**  
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## College football

**USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll**  
**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
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**Yokohama** 49 40 2 538 276  
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Brucy Lietzke 39-36-75 +44  
 Bruce Watkins 39-36-75 +44  
 Raymond Floyd 41-42-83 +12  
 Arnold Palmer 41-42-83 +12

## Buick Open

**Thursday**  
**At Warwick Hotel and Country Club**  
**Grand Blain, Mich.**  
**W L T Pts**  
**GF GA**  
**Nippon Ham** 49 40 2 538 276  
**Yokohama** 49 40 2 538 276  
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Judge hearing  
Bryant case  
apologizes  
for mistakes

The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — With the parents of the alleged victim in the courtroom, the judge in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case apologized Friday for court mistakes that led to the release of sealed information.

During the brief public hearing, District Judge Terry Ruckelshaus told the parents he was treating the mistakes as a learning experience.

"For all of those who come through these doors, victims and defendants alike, whose names are never known and never sought, I can only assure you I have learned lessons from these mistakes and that we will give our best human effort to make it happen again," he said.

Then he looked directly at the parents of the 20-year-old

# Major League Baseball scoreboard

## American League

East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
New York	63	38	.624
Boston	47	54	.464
Tampa Bay	48	53	.475
Oakland	46	56	.449
Toronto	45	57	.436

Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Minnesota	57	44	.564
Chicago	47	54	.464
Cleveland	52	50	.510
Detroit	54	47	.535
Kansas City	39	63	.380

West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Oakland	44	56	.444
Texas	59	42	.588
Seattle	39	62	.386

Thursday's games			
Baltimore & N.Y. Yankees	1-0	Yankees	1
Toronto & Chicago White Sox	2-0	White Sox	2
Tampa Bay & Kansas City	2-0	Kansas City	2
Seattle & Texas	6-1	Texas	6

Friday's games			
Baltimore & N.Y. Yankees	1-0	Yankees	1
Chicago White Sox & Detroit	1-0	White Sox	1
Toronto & Tampa Bay	4-0	Tampa Bay	4
Oakland & Texas	1-0	Texas	1
Boston & Minnesota	1-0	Minnesota	1

Saturday's games			
Baltimore & Anaheim	4-5	Anaheim	4
Seattle (Blackley 1-6) & Anaheim (Schwarz 1-0)	1-0	Anaheim	1
Toronto (Bush 1-1) & Tampa Bay (Zambrano 1-0)	1-0	Tampa Bay	1

Sunday's games			
Chicago White Sox & Detroit	1-0	White Sox	1
Tampa Bay & Kansas City	2-0	Kansas City	2
Oakland & Texas	1-0	Texas	1
Cleveland & Kansas City	1-0	Kansas City	1
Seattle & Anaheim	1-0	Anaheim	1

Thursday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	41	23	.641
Seattle	39	25	.610
Tampa Bay	41	23	.641
Oakland	41	23	.641
Cleveland	41	23	.641

Friday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	42	22	.656
Seattle	40	24	.625
Tampa Bay	42	22	.656
Oakland	42	22	.656
Cleveland	42	22	.656

Saturday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	43	21	.672
Seattle	41	23	.641
Tampa Bay	43	21	.672
Oakland	43	21	.672
Cleveland	43	21	.672

Sunday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	44	20	.688
Seattle	42	22	.656
Tampa Bay	44	20	.688
Oakland	44	20	.688
Cleveland	44	20	.688

Monday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	45	19	.706
Seattle	43	21	.672
Tampa Bay	45	19	.706
Oakland	45	19	.706
Cleveland	45	19	.706

Tuesday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	46	18	.720
Seattle	44	20	.688
Tampa Bay	46	18	.720
Oakland	46	18	.720
Cleveland	46	18	.720

Wednesday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	47	17	.735
Seattle	45	19	.706
Tampa Bay	47	17	.735
Oakland	47	17	.735
Cleveland	47	17	.735

Thursday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	48	16	.750
Seattle	46	20	.692
Tampa Bay	48	16	.750
Oakland	48	16	.750
Cleveland	48	16	.750

Friday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	49	15	.765
Seattle	47	21	.700
Tampa Bay	49	15	.765
Oakland	49	15	.765
Cleveland	49	15	.765

Saturday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	50	14	.780
Seattle	48	22	.714
Tampa Bay	50	14	.780
Oakland	50	14	.780
Cleveland	50	14	.780

Sunday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	51	13	.794
Seattle	49	23	.729
Tampa Bay	51	13	.794
Oakland	51	13	.794
Cleveland	51	13	.794

Monday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	52	12	.810
Seattle	50	24	.741
Tampa Bay	52	12	.810
Oakland	52	12	.810
Cleveland	52	12	.810

Tuesday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	53	11	.828
Seattle	51	25	.750
Tampa Bay	53	11	.828
Oakland	53	11	.828
Cleveland	53	11	.828

Wednesday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	54	10	.844
Seattle	52	26	.769
Tampa Bay	54	10	.844
Oakland	54	10	.844
Cleveland	54	10	.844

## National League

East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	55	46	.546
St. Louis	50	51	.490
Philadelphia	52	51	.505
Montreal	49	54	.479
New York	48	55	.463

Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	55	46	.546
Chicago	51	50	.505
Cincinnati	50	52	.490
Pittsburgh	46	58	.440

West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	59	42	.584
San Diego	53	48	.520
San Francisco	48	53	.475
Colorado	44	58	.431

Thursday's games			
Los Angeles & St. Louis	1-0	St. Louis	1
San Diego & San Francisco	1-0	San Francisco	1
Colorado & Pittsburgh	1-0	Pittsburgh	1

Friday's games			
Los Angeles & St. Louis	1-0	St. Louis	1
San Diego & San Francisco	1-0	San Francisco	1
Colorado & Pittsburgh	1-0	Pittsburgh	1

Saturday's games			
Los Angeles & St. Louis	1-0	St. Louis	1
San Diego & San Francisco	1-0	San Francisco	1
Colorado & Pittsburgh	1-0	Pittsburgh	1

Sunday's games			
Los Angeles & St. Louis	1-0	St. Louis	1
San Diego & San Francisco	1-0	San Francisco	1
Colorado & Pittsburgh	1-0	Pittsburgh	1

Monday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	60	41	.595
San Diego	54	49	.520
San Francisco	49	54	.479
Colorado	45	59	.433

Tuesday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	61	40	.605
San Diego	55	50	.520
San Francisco	50	55	.475
Colorado	46	60	.433

Wednesday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	62	39	.614
San Diego	56	51	.520
San Francisco	51	56	.475
Colorado	47	61	.437

Thursday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	63	38	.624
San Diego	57	52	.519
San Francisco	52	57	.478
Colorado	48	62	.438

Friday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	64	37	.635
San Diego	58	53	.520
San Francisco	53	58	.478
Colorado	49	63	.438

Saturday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	65	36	.645
San Diego	59	54	.519
San Francisco	54	59	.478
Colorado	50	64	.438

Sunday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	66	35	.656
San Diego	60	55	.520
San Francisco	55	60	.478
Colorado	51	65	.438

Monday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	67	34	.667
San Diego	61	56	.520
San Francisco	56	61	.478
Colorado	52	66	.438

Tuesday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	68	33	.678
San Diego	62	57	.520
San Francisco	57	62	.478
Colorado	53	67	.438

Wednesday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	69	32	.688
San Diego	63	58	.520
San Francisco	58	63	.478
Colorado	54	68	.438

Thursday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	70	31	.696
San Diego	64	59	.520
San Francisco	59	64	.478
Colorado	55	69	.438

Friday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	71	30	.703
San Diego	65	60	.520
San Francisco	60	65	.478
Colorado	56	70	.438

Saturday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	72	29	.711
San Diego	66	61	.520
San Francisco	61	66	.478
Colorado	57	71	.438

Sunday			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	73	28	.724
San Diego	67	62	.520
San Francisco	62	67	.478
Colorado	58	72	.438

## National League

East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	55	46	.546
St. Louis	50	51	.490
Philadelphia	52	51	.505
Montreal	49	54	.479
New York	48	55	.463

Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	55	46	.546
Chicago	51	50	.505
Cincinnati	50	52	.490
Pittsburgh	46	58	.440

West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	59	42	.584
San Diego	53	48	.520
San Francisco	48	53	.475
Colorado	44	58	.431

Thursday's games			
Los Angeles & St. Louis	1-0	St. Louis	1
San Diego & San Francisco	1-0	San Francisco	1
Colorado & Pittsburgh	1-0	Pittsburgh	1

Friday's games			
Los Angeles & St. Louis	1-0	St. Louis	1
San Diego & San Francisco	1-0	San Francisco	1
Colorado & Pittsburgh	1-0	Pittsburgh	1

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## Major League Baseball statistics

Through July 2

**American League**

	TEAM BATTING					Avg
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	
Anaheim	3548	512	1008	93	487	284
Detroit	3564	543	999	120	525	280
Cleveland	3561	512	1012	93	487	278
Boston	3563	561	993	140	537	278
Baltimore	3549	511	990	102	481	278
Oakland	3587	506	983	123	481	274
Texas	3505	549	952	152	528	271
Chicago	3392	532	916	149	508	270
San Francisco	3548	512	990	93	487	263
Minnesota	3522	478	927	111	446	263
New York	3458	557	908	154	534	262
Tampa Bay	3420	448	890	89	426	260
Seattle	3490	414	897	81	389	259
San Diego	3490	414	897	81	389	259

**INDIVIDUAL BATTING**  
Based on 307 plate appearances

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Warfield Tex	297	37	81	11	43	273
Wassenaar Bal	346	48	84	24	43	272
W Crosby Ayo	346	48	83	15	43	269
W Hunter Min	320	47	86	12	47	269
W Blake Cle	365	57	98	17	54	268
Wier NYY	305	40	88	17	43	267
W Roberts Bal	295	65	105	2	30	266
Wigbie CHW	331	53	88	13	40	266
W Urie Bal	319	44	84	9	41	263
W Hinkle Tor	356	44	96	9	46	262
W Hooten A Ana	332	43	84	6	40	262
W Bellhorn Bos	365	70	94	12	55	258
W Higginson Det	300	47	77	5	43	257
W E Martinez Sea	311	25	79	7	44	254
W Dudson Tor	270	66	68	7	39	252
W Dudson NYY	270	66	68	7	35	252
W Gerut Cle	379	58	95	9	40	251
W Jones Min	359	44	90	16	55	251
W Berros KC	327	43	81	5	29	248
W Berman Bal	305	40	88	17	43	247

Boone Sea	359	41
Crede ChW	329	47

Kriszta Min	280	47	67	14	42,239
Troczek Tie	255	53	78	14	48,239
Wojcik Wm	280	47	67	14	42,239
Wojcik Wm	280	47	67	14	42,239
C Pena Del	288	46	67	13	51,233
Valentin Chw	306	54	71	22	57,232
Chapman B	280	47	67	14	42,239
Spietz Sea	283	31	59	9	34,208

<b>TEAM PARTICIPATION</b>					
	E	A	E	B	
Oakland	4.06	972	418	389	5
Minnesota	4.09	959	417	263	683
Boston	4.14	907	414	301	692
San Diego	4.15	962	409	256	610
Tampa Bay	4.55	877	449	390	553
New York	4.56	962	409	256	610
Toronto	4.56	962	409	256	610
Chicago	4.56	962	409	256	610
Texas	4.58	952	435	321	593
Seattle	4.62	935	405	365	624
Los Angeles	4.62	935	405	365	624
Cleveland	4.91	1015	510	375	697
Baltimore	4.97	951	501	444	671

**INDIVIDUAL PIT**  
Based on 11 de

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Cambrano TB	128	107	96	109	9	7	4.43
Garland CH	133	130	48	68	7	7	4.52
ASLJA Min	131	170	21	50	9	7	4.52
Garland CH	131	170	21	50	9	7	4.52
Marolt DE	135	148	38	65	8	7	4.60
Garland CH	135	148	38	65	8	7	4.60
Pineiro SEA	140	144	43	111	6	11	4.67
Meridian Oak	171	141	46	64	8	8	4.73
Wiesner NW	102	127	29	51	7	6	4.75
Garland CH	102	127	29	51	7	6	4.75
Lauber NY	102	127	29	51	7	6	4.75
Garland CH	102	127	29	51	7	6	4.75
Loche Min	122	149	45	60	4	7	4.87
Garland CH	122	149	45	60	4	7	4.87
Mussina NY	107	131	23	75	6	6	5.20
May KC	123	149	36	76	7	11	5.20
Garland CH	123	149	36	76	7	11	5.20
Colon EA	124	133	44	63	7	8	5.56
Garland CH	124	133	44	63	7	8	5.56
Ponson BA	135	158	45	71	6	12	5.60
Contreras NY	95	93	42	82	8	9	5.64
Garland CH	95	93	42	82	8	9	5.64
Bonrander DE	110	109	49	39	6	7	5.97
Dickey TE	92	103	31	60	5	6	6.04
Garland CH	92	103	31	60	5	6	6.04

**National League**

National League						
	TEAM BATTING					
	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
St. Louis	3482	542	968	135	522	.278
Colorado	3527	548	973	133	523	.275
Los Angeles	3445	485	928	119	446	.269
San Diego	3331	431	877	77	430	.268
Pittsburgh	3426	450	921	90	425	.268
Houston	3453	474	922	108	449	.267
Chicago	3501	470	932	139	454	.266
San Francisco	3538	517	932	109	489	.263
Florida	3468	446	912	101	423	.262
Maryland	3479	495	925	117	458	.262
Philadelphia	3526	501	920	127	478	.260
New York	3491	450	890	120	432	.254
Milwaukee	3458	408	874	84	385	.252
Cincinnati	3555	477	899	124	452	.251
Arizona	3459	420	886	100	395	.251
Atlanta	3417	411	875	100	395	.250

**INDIVIDUAL BATTING**  
Based on 307 plate appears

	based on 347	total appearance	RRI	avg
Bonds SF	231	77	63	59.359
Braves ATL	231	77	63	59.359
Cal SF	345	78	116	62.336
Holton COL	345	78	116	62.336
Rosen STL	358	69	119	62.332
Rosen STL	358	69	119	62.332
St. Louis	358	69	119	62.332
Loretta SD	405	68	134	65.331
Jestrada ATL	405	68	134	65.331
St. Louis	405	68	134	65.331
Pujols STL	405	68	134	65.331
Wilson PIT	408	53	118	59.449
Wilson PIT	408	53	118	59.449
Phillips CIN	424	60	132	61.332
Kierulff Phi	424	60	132	61.332
Pender Pitt	424	60	132	61.332
Brand Ari	424	60	132	61.332
Nevin SD	324	47	105	57.309
Nevin SD	324	47	105	57.309
Colos COL	315	46	108	56.308
DiMascia LA	315	46	108	56.308
Lowell Fla	384	63	118	62.307
Lowell Fla	384	63	118	62.307
Biggio Hou	411	68	125	63.304
JJretz LA	411	68	125	63.304
Dwires LA	410	48	124	59.302

Berkman Hou	331	61	100	17	64	302
DeLee ChC	371	54	112	19	61	302
Burnitz Col	351	60	106	26	76	302
Larkin Cin	291	53	88	7	40	302
Lo Duca La	349	43	105	10	49	301
LCastillo Fla	367	60	110	2	34	300
BABew Phi	361	78	108	20	69	299
EnChavez Mon	312	56	93	5	20	298
Worckham STL	339	56	101	5	29	298
Wierzynski SF	300	32	89	8	57	297
Barrett Chi	297	32	88	12	57	297
Bourgeois SD	383	55	113	2	34	296
Edmonds STL	328	67	96	27	68	293
Throne Br	338	64	99	31	72	293

JKent Hou	334	54	97	13	61	290
CWilson Pit	370	63	107	18	58	289

Vidro Mon	339	41	98	12	44	289
Renteria ST	317	60	107	12	42	269
Wright NYM	317	60	107	12	42	269
Bradley LA	317	46	90	11	45	284
Wright NYM	317	46	90	11	45	284
Clayton Col	317	49	106	6	41	283
Castilla Col	317	63	105	12	86	282
Wright NYM	317	55	107	15	86	282
Alco ChC	378	64	105	12	62	278
Rollins Phil	411	65	114	4	36	277
Rollins Phil	403	65	113	8	36	277
Aeverett Ho	357	60	108	7	28	275
Shiffin Ar	406	61	110	13	48	275
Wright NYM	317	49	113	11	54	274
Grissom SF	276	45	111	13	41	274
McKowick Pk	327	49	89	14	55	272
Wright NYM	329	49	89	14	55	272
McKowick Pk	329	49	89	14	55	272
Captrichon ChC	324	54	102	11	41	271
Freel Can	328	48	107	11	41	270
Freel Can	328	48	107	11	41	270
Furtal Att	312	61	86	10	37	270
Freel Can	328	48	75	15	35	269
Hidalgo NYM	336	45	91	17	58	269
Alfonzo SF	348	48	93	7	52	269
Wright NYM	317	49	93	17	52	269
Duhin ChC	247	63	93	28	60	268
Ensborg Hsb	394	33	76	5	43	268
Wright NYM	317	49	93	17	52	268
Conline Fla	315	33	84	8	45	266
LGonzalez Ar	369	39	86	17	47	266
Wright NYM	317	49	93	17	52	266

San Diego	3.82	889	385	286	621	5	30
St. Louis	3.83	871	387	285	626	8	31
New York	3.89	904	392	357	580	4	22
Los Angeles	3.92	841	393	335	658	6	33
Milwaukee	3.98	876	404	290	683	6	32
Florida	4.05	888	409	320	707	8	36
Houston	4.06	876	409	321	815	7	35
Philadelphia	4.06	903	402	366	670	4	30
San Francisco	4.44	980	452	366	714	3	28
Pittsburgh	4.48	988	452	366	714	3	28
Montreal	4.51	916	451	375	645	7	37
Arizona	5.05	958	519	421	724	5	18
Cincinnati	5.14	1015	517	321	612	5	35
Colorado	5.70	1040	574	456	566	2	23

**INDIVIDUAL PITCHING**  
Based on 11 decisions

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Mota LA	143	113	21	56	9	8	2.58
Bschesht MI	143	125	38	76	8	6	2.61
Tolavine NYM	142	139	38	76	8	6	2.61
Wright NYM	142	139	38	76	8	6	2.61
Schmidt SF	141	125	52	154	13	13	2.77
Clemens HO	136	105	55	141	12	12	2.77
Wright NYM	136	105	55	141	12	12	2.77
Ole Perez PH	136	118	88	44	13	6	3.01
Clement HO	144	135	53	89	11	4	3.00
Penny FLA	131	124	39	78	10	8	3.13
Wright NYM	131	124	39	78	10	8	3.13
JS Wright AT	117	112	48	98	8	5	3.23
W Miller HO	89	76	44	74	3	6	3.23
Wright NYM	100	93	44	74	3	6	3.23
Marquis ST	106	108	41	85	11	4	3.55
Vsantos MI	120	138	39	72	9	12	3.55
Wright NYM	120	138	39	72	9	12	3.55
Dwells SD	113	116	10	46	6	6	3.66
Wright NYM	113	116	10	46	6	6	3.66
Oswald HO	149	150	12	131	10	18	3.66
Lawrence SD	130	139	39	83	7	17	3.79
Wright NYM	130	139	39	83	7	17	3.79
Phillips CHC	129	131	42	87	9	9	3.84
P Wilson CHC	129	131	42	87	9	9	3.84
Llirandanez MI	156	147	46	120	10	18	3.84
Wright NYM	156	147	46	120	10	18	3.84
Maddux CHC	125	143	19	93	10	7	3.91
Day MI	110	116	45	61	9	9	3.95
Wright NYM	110	116	45	61	9	9	3.95
Suppan STL	123	124	42	79	6	10	4.01



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# Yankees' bug draws an inquiry

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City health officials are questioning doctors for the New York Yankees about an intestinal parasite that may have sickened three players and at least one family member.

Yankees slugger Jason Giambi has said he is being tested for the parasite after being plagued by symptoms for the last couple months and being out of the lineup for almost a week.

Giambi's wife, Kristian, and Yankees pitcher Kevin Brown also have been diagnosed with the parasitic illness, according to Giambi.

Right fielder Gary Sheffield was stricken in June with intestinal symptoms that were attributed at the time to "stomach flu" and Giambi originally blamed Sheffield for his own illness. Sheffield was so ill that his wife drove him to the ballpark for one game, but he was unable to play.

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene officials said their contact with the team's physician is not an investigation. They said they had been in touch with the team doctor earlier and are attempting to follow up with him and other doctors who are involved.

"At this point it is a private matter as opposed to a public health matter," department spokesman Sid Dinsay said Thursday.

Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said Giambi would stay at home while the team awaited test results.

Giambi was out of the lineup for the sixth straight game when the Yankees opened a homestand Thursday night.

Earlier Thursday, Cashman said he expected Giambi to be at the ballpark. Later,

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however, he said he got a call from the All-Star first baseman saying "he didn't feel well and thought he should stay at home."

The suspected parasite, *Entamoeba histolytica*, is usually seen in people from poor countries, not rich ballplayers. It's a single-celled bug called a protozoan and causes an illness called amoebiasis. Typical symptoms are bloody diarrhea and low abdominal pain, starting two days to up to a month after infection.

## City OKs play at Wrigley Field

CHICAGO — City building inspectors gave the go-ahead for the Chicago Cubs to play at Wrigley Field on Friday after protective netting was installed to keep chunks of concrete from falling from the upper deck onto fans.

Buildings Commissioner Stan Kaderbek announced early Friday that inspectors accepted an interim safety inspection report the Cubs submitted to the city, clearing the way for the opening game of a weekend series against Philadelphia.

There have been three reports of falling concrete at the stadium since June. No injuries have been reported.

## Phillies put closer Wagner on DL

CHICAGO — The Philadelphia Phillies on Friday put left-handed closer Billy Wagner on the 15-day disabled list with a strained rotator cuff.

Wagner, a major offseason acquisition for the Phillies, also was on the DL for more than three weeks earlier this season because of a strained groin.

"He won't pick up a ball until the end of next week," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said Friday.

Wagner has 16 saves in 18 chances in 31 appearances this season. He is 3-0 with a 3.12 ERA and 46 strikeouts in 34 1/3 innings.

## Royals' OF Gonzalez out for year

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Kansas City Royals outfielder Juan Gonzalez is expected to miss the rest of the season with a lower back injury. Gonzalez, a two-time AL MVP, has been sidelined since May 22. He was examined by spine specialist Dr. Robert Watkins in Los Angeles this week after experiencing discomfort while on a rehabilitation assignment with the rookie league Arizona Royals.

Gonzalez hit 276 with five homers and 17 RBIs in 33 games with the Royals before being injured.

## Texas' Cordero adds two years

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers signed All-Star closer Francisco Cordero to an \$8 million, two-year extension on Thursday, avoiding the chance of arbitration this offseason and keeping him off the free-agent market the following winter.

Cordero, making \$2 million this season, will receive \$3.75 million next season and \$4 million in 2006, agent Ben Stringfellow said.

Cordero is 2-0 with a 1.87 ERA and 30 saves in 32 chances.

## Astros' Kent, Seattle coach suspended

NEW YORK — Houston second baseman Jeff Kent was suspended for three games and Seattle pitching coach Bryan Price was suspended for one game Friday



Workers install safety netting at Wrigley Field to guard against falling concrete.

for their angry actions this week. The suspensions were set to start Friday night. Kent and Price also were fined undisclosed amounts by Bob Watson, baseball's vice president of on-field operations.

Kent was ejected by plate umpire Chris Guccione in the seventh inning Sunday at Milwaukee after arguing a called strike. He said he would appeal.

Price was ejected by plate umpire Charlie Reford in the fourth inning Monday at Oakland for arguing balls and strikes.

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# D-backs bracing for future without Big Unit

BY JOEL ANDERSON  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Randy Johnson was one of the last players to leave the visitors' clubhouse Thursday, slowly gathering his luggage before boarding a bus headed for the airport.

The Arizona Diamondbacks' flight was destined for Denver. Where the Big Unit goes from there is anyone's guess.

"You guys heard anything?" Diamondbacks manager Al Pedrique asked a few reporters before Arizona's 6-4 win over Houston. "My phone hasn't rang yet."

As Saturday's trade deadline approaches, Pedrique has spent lots of time waiting for a call that he hopes never comes: the one bringing news of a trade that sends Johnson from the team with which he's played six years and was co-MVP of its World Series win over the Yankees in 2001.

Johnson is scheduled to start against Colorado on Friday night.

Pedrique is optimistic that his 6-foot-10 ace will be still be with the team at game time.

"He's starting tomorrow," Pedrique said, "and battling ninth."

The five-time Cy Young Award winner has been the subject of numerous trade rumors as Arizona continues its march to the worst record in baseball.

The New York Yankees are the clear front-runners to make a deal for Johnson, but they lack the minor league prospects that Arizona is believed to want in return and may have to find a third team to make it work. Anaheim, Boston and Los Angeles are other possible candidates.

Johnson, who has a no-trade clause in his contract, would prefer to go only to a place that has a chance to win the World Series.

The 40-year-old left-hander is making \$16 million this season and is due \$16 million in 2005, the final year of his deal. He said he doesn't want a new contract as part of waving his rights to keep a trade.

Regardless, for whatever reason, nothing

has happened since Johnson acknowledged two weeks ago during the All-Star break that he'd be willing to be traded to a contender.

Johnson has since grown tired of the trade talk.

"I'm not talking about any of that stuff, OK?" Johnson said Thursday. "I'll talk on the day I pitch, after the game — and only about the game."

The Big Unit has been stewing around the clubhouse the past few days, talking in hushed tones into his cell phone or not talking at all.

It's not hard to understand why Johnson might want out of Phoenix.

The Diamondbacks are in the midst of their worst season since their expansion campaign in 1998, losing 16 of their past 18, including a club-record 14 consecutive losses. The team fired manager Bob Brenly earlier this month and replaced him with Pedrique, the third base coach.

Regardless, the team has struggled to overcome placing 18 players on the disabled list this season, most in the majors. Star slugger Luis Gonzalez announced Thursday that he'll have season-ending ligament replacement surgery Monday.

Many of the Diamondbacks' knowledge that the trade speculation has affected the team.

"It affects everybody. We're all human," Tracy said. "It's just a matter of how much you let it bother you."

Meanwhile, the Yankees have contributed to the buzz by having a scout follow the Diamondbacks and Johnson to Houston, even though he wasn't scheduled to pitch during the four-game series.

Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman was careful not to mention Johnson or anyone else by name when discussing potential trades in New York on Thursday, careful not to breach the league's tampering rules.

"If the deadline ended today, I don't see us doing anything," Cashman said.

New York, however, has made no secret of



The Arizona Diamondbacks aren't sure whether ace Randy Johnson will be with the team after his scheduled start at Colorado on Friday night or if the five-time Cy Young Award winner will be traded.

its need for more pitching in its quest for the World Series. Manager Joe Torre pointed out that several of the Yankees' starters, including Mike Mussina and Kevin Brown, have been hurt this season.

"If we add another starter, it gives us insurance," Torre said.

The addition of someone like Johnson could make the Yankees, who already have the AL's best record, even more formidable in October.

Johnson leads the majors in strikeouts (174), ranks third in opponents' batting average (.191) and fourth in ERA (2.68). He's pitched three complete games and a perfect game against Atlanta on May 18. His record would almost certainly be better than 10-8 if he had more support in the bullpen and from the league's fourth-worst offense.

"You would hate to lose a guy like him," Pedrique said. "For myself, though, I have to anticipate that's it going to happen."

# Nets send Kittles to Clippers

The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Kerry Kittles was traded to the Los Angeles Clippers for a second-round draft pick Thursday, another step in the dismantling of the New Jersey Nets.

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Kittles is the second starter to leave the Nets this month: Power forward Kenyon Martin went to the Denver Nuggets for three first-round draft choices.

Trying to fill the void left by Kittles, who spent eight years with the Nets, the club signed free agent guard Jacque Vaughn and Rodney Buford.

Kittles has averaged 14.3 points, 2.6 assists and 3.9 rebounds a game during his career.

## Boozer officially joins Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY — Carlos Boozer's agreement to a \$68 million offer from the Utah Jazz and the furore it caused in Cleveland, where the Cavaliers claimed to have a handshake agreement with the third-year forward, ended Thursday night.

"There was no commitment. It's unfortunate how the turn of events went through the media," Boozer said before he was to sign a six-year deal with the Jazz. Cleveland had the right to match the Jazz's offer until late Thursday, but didn't have the money or desire.

## Raptors to keep Peterson

NEW ORLEANS — Morris Peterson will stay with the Toronto Raptors, who are matching New Orleans' three-year, \$15 million offer sheet, Hornets GM Allan Bristow said Friday.

# Reports: Hull close to rejoining Stars

The Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars have reportedly increased their offer to free agent Brett Hull to more than \$2 million per season.

Sources told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions that Hull is close to agreeing to terms on the pact. The Stars first talked to their former All-Star wing about returning for a one-year contract for approximately \$1 million, according to the Star-Telegram. But Phoenix reportedly has offered Hull two years at more than \$2 million per season with the second year not guaranteed. It would kick in if Hull met incentives.

## Blues re-sign Pronger

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Blues re-signed restricted

free-agent defenseman Chris Pronger to a one-year, \$10 million contract Friday.

Pronger, entering his 10th NHL season, won the Norris Trophy (best defenseman) and Hart Trophy (league MVP) in 2000.

## Powell beats Greene in 100

LONDON — Olympic champion Maurice Greene beat the 100 meters in the London Grand Prix meet Friday to Jamaican sprinter Asafa Powell, who established himself as a favorite for Athens. Powell, unbeaten this season, finished in 9.91 seconds. Greene, the three-time world champion and former world-record holder, finished second in 9.97.

## Serena withdraws in Calif.

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Top-seeded Serena Williams withdrew from the Acira Classic on Friday because of swelling in her left knee, almost exactly a year after surgery on that knee.

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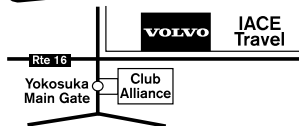
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# Singh soars in Buick

The Associated Press

GRAND BLANCH, Mich. — Vijay Singh and Olin Browne switched putters recently, and they had the best two scores Thursday in the Buick Open.

Singh shot 9-under 63 to take the first-round lead, one shot ahead of Browne and four in front of Tiger Woods.

Singh used a standard-length putter after using a belly putter for 2½ years.

"I'm a great chipper and a good bunker player, but if you keep missing [short putts], that kind of eats into your game," he said. "And you put so much pressure into going for the flags that when ever you make a mistake, it's a bogy."

The 1997 Buick Open champion from Fiji had eight straight 3s — five birdies, an eagle and two pars — on Nos. 8-15 at Warwick Hills.

Singh was two shots short of the tournament record. Browne said he changed his putter to one of standard length last week in the U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee and came away with a season-best finish: a tie for fourth.

"Sometimes a change is good just for the sake of change, you know what I mean?" he asked. "As opposed to beating your head against the wall in the same spot all the time, move to a different spot."

Browne's 14 matched his low round of the year. He has just two top-10s in 19 events this year.

Mike Grob started Friday's second round at 7-under, two shots behind Singh.

Defending champion Jim Furyk was another stroke back, tied for fourth with four others.

**Stupples up by three midday through Women's British Open**

SUNNINGDALE, England — Karen Stupples compiled another bogey-free round Friday and shot 2-under 70 to take a three-stroke lead halfway through the Women's British Open.

While Stupples moved confidently to a 36-hole total of 9-under 135, defending champion Annika Sorenstam failed to capitalize on a 3-under 33 on the front nine that took her to within two strokes of the lead.

Chasing her eighth major and second of the season, Sorenstam made two bogeys and seven pars on the back nine and finished with a 1-under 71. At 5-under in a tie for fifth, she is in contention albeit disappointed with her round.

"I missed fairways, I missed greens," Sorenstam said. "Luckily I chipped really well. I made a good bunker shot at the last and made some good putts. But it was the long game, I couldn't keep it in play."

It was a different story for the leader, who said she should have been further ahead of the field.

"It was a bit frustrating at times because I had a couple of opportunities — one on nine and one on 10 — to make birdie," Stupples said. "I felt like I hit really good putts but they just didn't go in the hole."

Both Daniel and Koreans



AP

**Vijay Singh switched to a standard-length putter on Thursday and took 26 putts in a round of 9-under 63 in the Buick Open.**

Jeong Jang and Seol-An Jeon were at 6-under 138.

Laura Davies and Natalie Gulbis were with Sorenstam in an eight-player group at 5-under, four behind Stupples.

**Jacobsen leads as rain stags Senior U.S. Open**

ST. LOUIS — Peter Jacobsen, still rehabbing from arthroscopic hip surgery, shot 6-under 65 Thursday to take the first-round lead in the U.S. Senior Open. Friday's second round was postponed after Bellevue Country Club absorbed 3 inches of rain in about 18 hours. The USGA plans to complete the championship with 36 holes on Sunday.

Craig Stadler was second at 5-under while St. Louis-area native Jay Haas shot 67 Thursday.

Seven players had 68, including Gil Morgan, the leading money-winner on the Champions Tour. Tom Kite was among a group of 10 at 69. Defending champ Bruce Lietzke shot 75.

# Great: Adding RB George strengthened backfield

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The Cowboys made a late splashy move, signing running back Eddie George to a one-year, incentive-filled deal. To cash in, he'll have to beat out second-round pick Julius Jones, who is trying to become Dallas' first rookie starter at running back since NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith 14 years ago.

Quincy Carter started 16 games at quarterback last year, but Steve Mariucci expects a mentor to start while serving as a mentor to Carter, Henson and Tony Romo.

"[Quincy] earned the starting job here last year. He was the best guy at that position last year," Parcells said. "I play that best guy. They all know that. They have been told that. It's not shrouded in secrecy."

Chad Hutchinson eliminated himself by playing poorly in NFL Europe and was released. The former NFL tight end was released after becoming the starter midway through 2002.

Johnson is the possession-type receiver Dallas has missed since Michael Irvin was forced into retirement by injury five years ago. After some contentious times in Tampa Bay, and being deactivated by the Buccaneers before last season ended, Johnson is ready to play again for Parcells.

"Once I got away from that situation, it was kind of like, have a new game, have fun again," Johnson said. "He [Parcells] is the only head coach that I like to play for."

Perennial Pro Bowl offensive lineman Larry Allen didn't enjoy

his first season for Parcells, often clashing with the coach as being singled out for his poor conditioning. Allen was even on the trading block and not part of offseason workouts until he got in better shape.

Antonio Bryant remains, even after being kicked out of a June workout when he threw his jersey into Parcells' face. Parcells hasn't publicly addressed the issue but didn't cut the young receiver, who's upset about his lack of work behind Johnson and Terry Glenn.

Bryant met Monday with Parcells and owner Jerry Jones, and went to camp with the team.

The NFL's top-ranked defense hopes to solve its biggest weakness with the addition of Wiley (41 career sacks).

"I think it can be real beneficial, helping each other," said defensive end Greg Ellis, who had a season-high eight sacks last year. "If we can do what we did last year and improve, we've got a lot of good chances to get to the quarterback."

Linebacker Dexter Coakley made his third Pro Bowl last season but found himself behind second-year player Bradie James during a minicamp. That doesn't mean Coakley won't start, but Parcells likes the 243-pound James, who impressed on special teams as a rookie.

The secondary, already questionable at cornerback, sustained a blow when Darren Woodson had surgery this week to remove a ruptured disc from his back. The 13th-year safety will miss up to eight weeks, and won't be back until after the start of the season.

# Winslow rejects record contract offer for tight ends

The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Kellen Winslow Jr.'s agents rejected a contract offer from the Cleveland Browns on Friday that would have made him the highest paid tight end in NFL history.

Winslow, the No. 6 overall selection, was not on the field as the Browns held their first practice.

In an unusual move designed to put pressure on Winslow's agent, Kevin Poston, Browns president John Collins released a statement two hours before the club opened camp to announce that the Browns had made their "best offer" to Winslow.

Collins said the Browns proposed a deal

that matched the one safety Sean Taylor, the fifth pick and Winslow's college teammate at the University of Miami, signed earlier this week with the Washington Redskins.

Taylor's package included a \$7.2 million signing bonus that could exceed \$13 million with incentives and the contract can reportedly escalate to \$40 million over its length.

The Browns said their offer would "far exceed" the \$3.1 million deal Kansas City's Tony Gonzalez signed in 2002. Gonzalez's deal included a \$10 million signing bonus, the most ever given to a tight end.

The Browns' negotiating tactic is unusu-

al because teams almost never disclose contract figures — even after a deal is done. But the Browns, who earlier this week said they would keep talks private, publicly provided the framework for negotiations.

"I do not negotiate in the media," Poston told The Associated Press.

Winslow's holdout came one day after the New York Giants gave No. 1 pick Eli Manning a rookie-record \$20 million in guaranteed money and No. 2 overall pick Robert Gallery received a potential \$18.5 million in guaranteed bonuses.

**Cowboys sign top pick RB Jones**

OXNARD, Calif. — The Dallas Cowboys agreed to a six-year deal Thursday with

running back Julius Jones. The former Notre Dame star, Dallas' first pick, got a \$1.8 million signing bonus. He was chosen with the 43rd overall pick.

**Bears' Ularich out 4-6 weeks**

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. — The Chicago Bears expect middle linebacker Brian Ularich's strained right hamstring to be healed in time for him to start the opener.

Ularich, who was hurt in the Bears' first training camp workout Wednesday, has been diagnosed with a "moderate strain" and will be out 4-6 weeks, coach Lovie Smith said.

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# Roe hopes birthday gift turns into All-Air Force berth

## Outfielder one of four softball players from Kadena picked for tryout camp

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Shagging fly balls in the outfield during his unit team's batting practice at Kadena's Four Diamonds Complex, Scott Roe was all smiles.

One of the presents he received for his 30th birthday Friday was an invitation to the 2004 All-Air Force men's softball tryout camp, scheduled for Aug. 17-Sept. 5 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

"I'm excited," said the staff sergeant assigned to Kadena's 18th Logistical Readiness Squadron.

He has reason to be. Last year, he failed to survive the first cut in his first tryout camp.

Now, he wants to go back and "make a statement," as well as secure a berth on the All-Air Force team, slated to play in the All-Air Force softball championship Sept. 6-11 at Eglin.

"I want to go down there and play softball," Roe said. "It's going to be different this year. I know what to expect."

Roe, primarily an outfielder, is one of seven Pacific-base players chosen for the 33-player field in the All-Air Force camp.

Joining him from Kadena are shortstop Carlo Aguiar and outfielders Joey Chastain and Adri-

an "Ace" Abram. Bryan Hicks of Osan Air Base, Korea; Maurice Whitlock of Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; and Jeremy Moeller of Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, round out Pacific Air Forces selections.

The field is broken into three teams of 11, scrimmaging with each other and also playing against local teams. Each player is rated on what third-year All-Air Force coach Steve Shortland at Randolph Air Force Base calls a "point system."

"There are five major categories: offense, defense, speed, experience and intangibles, and within each are sub-categories," Shortland said, calling it a "fair system that places emphasis specifically on how they [players] perform at camp."

Roe feels he knows what went wrong during last year's camp, and what to do to stick with the team this time.

"I wasn't 100 percent" into every practice and every game, Roe recalled. "You have to be ready to play every play in every game. I'm in better shape this year. I never worked out in my life until January. And I feel more confidence, too."

One former seven-time All-Air Force infielder, Daniel Simpson,

assigned to Kunsan Air Base, Korea, feels players who get cut, such as Roe, tend to return to camp more motivated.

"That makes them a little more hungry," Simpson said, adding that Shortland can then "see how they react to adversity, if they come back and show they want it a little more."

First-year players such as Abram are understandably nervous about the challenges ahead of them.

"Now, I'll see if I can hit" at that level, Abram said. "If I hit, I have a chance. If I don't hit, I'll go home early."

Putting him at ease is knowing more than a handful of people at camp. He'll go there with Chastain, Aguiar, and Roe, and will renew acquaintances with Tony Patrick of Hill Air Force

Base, Utah, and Danny Acosta of Dyess Air Force Base, Texas; both used to be stationed at Kadena.

"It helps that I'll be going with people that I know," Abram said. Once there, Roe says he plans to "stay focused the whole time. Tunnel vision."

How does Roe evaluate his chances, as well as the others?

"I think we could all make it [Air Force team]," Roe said. "It will take us doing all the things we have to do."

Players surviving the cut and playing in the All-Air Force tournament have a shot to be selected for the All-Air Force team, scheduled to play in the Amateur Softball Association Class A nationals Sept. 16-19 at Sanford, Fla.

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Kadena's Scott Roe will be attending his second All-Air Force tryout camp. He didn't survive the first cut in last year's camp.

## 5 women chosen for Air Force softball camp

Stars and Stripes

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Woodson joins Renetta Baker and Christy Maxwell of Camp Casey, South Korea; Jennifer McAfee of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and Anjanee Gobardhan of Okinawa's Torii Station as Pacific selectees to the camp.

Players who make the All-Air Force team will represent that service in the All-Air Force softball championship.

Players selected to the All-Air Force team move on to the Amateur Softball Association's women's open tournament, scheduled for Sept. 23-26 at San Antonio, followed by the ASA national championship Oct. 14-17 at Oklahoma City.

### Camp Casey teams dominate

CAMP CASEY, South Korea — B Company, 1st of the 72nd Armor, rebounded from the loser's bracket to beat 4th Chemical Company 19-4 and 17-9 in the double-elimination 2004 Warrior Division company-level softball tournament on July 23 in an all-Camp Casey final at Stewart Field.

The teams will represent Area I in the 8th U.S. Army company-level championships this

weekend at the Lombardo Field Fourplex, South Post, Yongson Garrison.

### Six tennis players qualify for Army tournament

Six players qualified for the 8th U.S. Army Tennis Championships by taking the top two spots in their divisions in the 2004 Warrior Division tournament on July 24 at Camps Hovey and Red Cloud.

Kim Hae-conn and Alonzo Gonzalez finished 1-2 in the men's open division, while William Huntley and Kim Kwang-jin finished first and second in the men's junior veteran division. Seo Young-taek and Simmie Adams took the top two men's senior spots.

They'll compete in the 8th Army championships at Camp Haleah in Pusan.

### Red Cloud snags rugby title

CAMP RED CLOUD, South Korea — Camp Red Cloud outscored its opponents 62-7 in two matches to capture the championship on July 25 in the Warrior Division invitational rugby tournament.

Red Cloud downed Camp Humphreys A team 31-7, while Camp Humphreys B edged Osan Air Base 17-7 in the semifinals. Red Cloud then blanked Humphreys B 31-0 in the title match.

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# Great expectations

After reaching playoffs in Parcells' first season, Cowboys face tougher time duplicating success

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS

The Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Bill Parcells has already laid a winning foundation, needing only one season to get the Dallas Cowboys back into the playoffs.

Never in his three previous coaching stops, where he also took over teams coming off losing seasons, had Parcells gotten to the postseason so quickly. The breakthrough had always come in the second year.

So now, in Parcells' second season with the Cowboys, he isn't planning to spend a lot of time repeating himself or re-teaching.

"In a lot of respects I will be less patient this year because my expectations are that the players should know a heck of a lot more than they did going in last year," Parcells said. "These guys that have been here for a year, they need to know what to do."

Returning players know Parcells' no-nonsense approach. He doesn't tolerate a lackadaisical effort or silly mistakes, especially from players who've been with him before.

"There's no surprise," defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said.

"You know what to expect. You know how the routine of practice is going to be, how training camp is going to be run. It eliminates a lot of excuses. ... Get the job done and let's go about our business."

That means being ready from the get-go of camp Saturday, the first of 11 sets of two-a-day practices in 12 days.

But have the Cowboys done enough to better — or even equal — last year's 10-6 record? The NFC East now has coach Joe Gibbs back in Washington and Terrell Owens and other big additions in Philadelphia.

While some needs were filled, Dallas wasn't a big offseason spender even with plenty of money under the salary cap.

Two quarterbacks were added, 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde and former baseball player Drew Henson. Defensive end Marcelus Wiley was signed and receiver Keyshawn Johnson — like Testaverde, a former Parcells player — came in a trade from Tampa Bay for Joey Galloway.



Bill Parcells is ahead of his usual schedule. He took the New York Giants, New England Patriots and New York Jets to the playoffs in two seasons, but guided the Dallas Cowboys to the postseason in his first year.



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